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EDITORIAL

Have You Windows In Your House?

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

DO we ever think what it would be like to live in a room without windows? Just think of it! We would not see the blue of the sky, the green of the trees. We would not see our friends passing by. Do not people we have never met seem our friends when we have seen them pass our windows day after day? Through our windows we see the world about us and the people in it. We share in the activity of the community in which we live and feel a part of it. Through our windows there comes to us the exhilaration which only the fresh air from outside can bring. Of course we have to look out of our windows to share in the activities of the out-of-doors; we have to open them to let in the stimulating air from outside.

A wise man once said, "A house without books is like a room without windows." The more we think of that statement, the more truth we find in it. Is it not true that reading books and looking out of windows bring to us some of the same advantages? As we read books which interpret the Bible for us we are made more conscious of the warmth of God's love, just as we receive warmth from His sunshine through our windows. As we read books which tell us about other lands and the people who live in them, the people who are passing before us on the pages become our friends, although we have never met them, just as those who pass our windows are familiar to us. Goldsmith said, "The first time I read an excellent book, it is to me just as if I had gained a new friend. When I read over a book I have perused before, it resembles the meeting with an old one." Through the pages of such a magazine as this *Glad Tidings* we catch glimpses of our friends who share with us in our Church's work in Canada and other lands. We see them passing by in the performance of their daily tasks.

The reading of books brings to us fresh thoughts from other minds which stimulate our minds just as the fresh breezes which blow through our open windows refresh us. All that are in the house benefit from the fresh air which comes into it — so all that are in the house may benefit from the reading of books. Why not read them together, discuss them, enjoy them? There are books for every member of the family and each can be interested in and find something to enjoy in those which interest the others.

As we look through our windows we come to better understand and appreciate the problems of the world in which we live; as we read we are, in reality, opening our windows to the world both near and far away. We are sometimes disheartened, sometimes cheered by what we learn but what *is* important is the fact that the more we look—the more we read—the more what is happening around us becomes our concern. It becomes our business. We feel we must assist our friends in advancing what is right, in doing away with what is wrong.

Let us take care that we are not living in a room without windows but see to it that the room in which we live has its windows open to the world!

Prayer

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty — we would enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise at the beginning of another year. Thine infinite mercy and loving care have provided for us and protected us during the passing seasons. Thou hast brought us into Thy banqueting house and Thy banner over us is love. With contrite hearts we humbly pray for the continuance of these blessings.

We would pray also for others less fortunate than ourselves, — for a world in which the conflict between good and evil causes insecurity and suffering, — for Christian churches and communities in all countries, — for an increase of faith and purpose in their leadership which may result in a great religious revival spreading through the lands, dispelling the darkness of unbelief and sending 'far down the future's broadening way,' the light of hope and peace.

May Thine abiding presence be the strength and stay of all our missionaries at home and abroad as by their witness and example they interpret to others the love of Thy dear Son, our Saviour who died that we might live. May they be encouraged by seeing the fruit of their labours.

Inspire and uphold the ministers of our Church and those who are officers and members of its Boards and committees. May the women's work be sustained and advanced, also that of the young people's and children's groups — may those who are leaders and teachers be consistent in the Christian way of life. Fortify the faint-hearted and turn all anxious hearts to Thee for comfort and rest. May all who know and love Thee be re-dedicated to Thy service so that under Thy guidance this may be in very truth a more Christian year. We offer these prayers, asking forgiveness of our sins, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and for His sake. Amen.

We 'Study' Africa

by Mrs. Arthur W. Pae

NO one who reads the daily press and current magazines can fail to find repeated references to what is happening in Africa today.

A revolution is in progress — millions of people are striving for a freedom and equality which is rightfully theirs. We see a civilization which dates back centuries, a splendid people who once given opportunity and training can take their place with any in the world; a deeply religious people living in a rich land but who have not shared in the wealth which is rightfully theirs. A people sorely in need of help in this their hour of crisis.

Are we really interested in them and in their problem? As fellow members of the 'Christian Church' — for there is a growing Church there — have we a responsibility toward them and toward the Church as well?

Our 'study' *Africa — Contrasts and Conflicts* opens with this arresting statement — "The effectiveness of the Christian Church is going to be minimized until the race question is solved."

— United Nations

"... A splendid people ... who can take their place with any in the world".

What is your conception of the 'Christian Church'—is it the bricks, stones and timbers of your local congregational home? Is it the church community which surrounds you? Is it the Church in Canada or is it the world-wide Church – 'the body of Christ on earth'?

Further, what is your understanding of the 'race question'? If you refuse to accept the men and women of Africa as your brothers and sisters do you not 'minimize' the effectiveness of your work – of our prayers and indeed of the whole Church?

We are anxious to interest women of our congregations in the 'Mission of the Church' beyond their local congregations. Surely we can interest them in Africa. What an opportunity for a 'current events' item on the programmes for our meetings. We are all reading of the Mau Mau movement – riots and outbreaks against present Government regulations—but what is behind it all?

There is a wealth of information within our reach. From our reading of books prepared on Africa – from the radio and from the comments and opinions heard everywhere, we may gain knowledge of the many questions coming to our minds as we think of the whole situation.

Let us study and learn that we may add to our 'effectiveness' as members of the 'Christian Church'.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WEEK — AND YOUR AUXILIARY

FEBRUARY 1st to 7th, 1952, is Christian Youth Week. This week has been set apart in order to afford congregations an opportunity to get to know the work among their boys and girls and young people. This business of getting to know people is a double undertaking. The youth of the church must be prepared to demonstrate its programmes and activities; the congregation must give an opportunity for such demonstrations. In other words, the adult organizations must show that they would be happy to have young visitors, to listen to what they have to say and to attend any open meetings to which they are invited. It is all very well for the adult congregation to approve of the undertakings of the younger members, but, if the younger members are not aware of this approval, they quickly jump to the conclusion that the church is not interested. Of course a little conversation would soon set their minds at rest, but so seldom do we take time to have such conversation; and so it is necessary to welcome them when the opportunity is there.

Working With Mobile Clinics

MISS McCONNELL has written briefly about the Mobile Clinic work which she began to do last spring. She spoke too, of remaining on the plains during the hot season:

"I realized that if ever we were to get Mobile Clinics going one was not going to be able to study one's self too much; while we will not deliberately walk into danger or do anything that will endanger one's health, I felt definitely that I should stay down and try to get acquainted with the people, knowing that going out to see them once in two weeks or some of them even less, the work will never grow and we will not make too much headway. It was really a joy to visit the clinics during the hot weather, because of the response, and too, for the friendliness of the people. I can assure you it was hot but to be able to meet and talk with the people far out-paid the discomfort. Feeling definitely I was doing the right thing I knew there would be no need to worry about health. I am quite sure I shall be able to go back to the Clinics without having to become acquainted all over again. One village, Amba-daberi, of which I wrote in my circular letter has a great attraction for me. Several times the staff said, Miss Sahibji, the people here do not want us. My reply to them was, "we want these people". Last time we went, just before the rain stopped us from getting in again the people were most friendly and a group of them came to the house where we were staying and said they wanted to hear more.

"I had a letter from Ruth Buchanan telling me she had gone for a three-day tour in the district and the people all wanted to know when the lady with the medicine would come back. My plan for that district this winter is to go and camp right in their midst. Mr. Wood left me with two very fine evangelists and they too, are very much interested in the mobile clinics. We have a grand team and that makes such a difference. After Christmas will be the best time for camping."

Getting acquainted with the people. —MacMurchy

Overseas Missions Council Becomes a Department of the Canadian Council of Churches

ON November 11th, 1952, a brief quiet ceremony, which future generations may very well call historic, took place in London, Ontario. The occasion was the acceptance by the Canadian Council of Churches of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council as the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches.

For sixty years mission boards in Canada have shared in an American organization known as the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. This F.M.C. as you have seen it described is made up of people representing Protestant boards responsible for overseas missions. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America was a member of the International Missionary Council, a world-wide organization dealing with Protestant missions. Though linked thus with the American boards, the Canadian mission boards felt that Canada should have some organization through which matters pertaining purely to Canadian overseas missions could be discussed. So the Canadian Overseas Missions Council was formed and has served for some years.

Two years ago, the Foreign Missions Conference became a part of the National Council of Churches of Christ of the United States. This meant that the mission boards in the United States and Canada were being tied into the whole work of the American Protestant Church. This action made Canadian mission boards feel a bit out of place and since Canadian overseas missions is a large and important part of the work of the Canadian Protestant Church, it was felt wise to seek to have the same relationship in the Canadian Council of Churches as the overseas boards in the United States had acquired in their National Council of Churches. Thus it was that after a year of study and negotiation the Canadian Council of Churches at their Annual Meeting in London, received the Canadian Overseas Mission Council as the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Dr. L. Albright, acting secretary of the old C.O.M.C., now of the Department of Overseas Missions, explained the background of overseas missions organizations to the members of the Canadian Council of Churches and said that as a Department, the same historic task of finding and disseminating information on overseas missions and of urging unified efforts for missions overseas, would be the motivating power. Further, it was explained that now the Canadian overseas mission boards would have direct representation on the International Missionary Council rather than through the American organization.

For the brief ceremony of welcome and dedication, Dr. William Barclay the President of the Canadian Council of Churches, called representatives of the Executive of the old Canadian Overseas Missions Council to the platform. He asked the delegates to the Canadian Council of Churches to stand in acknowledgement, of their acceptance of overseas missions as a department of the Canadian Church. Dr. Barclay led in a prayer and the congregation sang the hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Chairman of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, and now of the new Department of Overseas Missions, spoke to the delegates on the International Missionary Council meeting in Willingen, Germany. Thus was the work and challenge of missions today, placed immediately before the Canadian Council of Churches.

— Palmer

Miss Laura K. Pelton Chairman, Department of Overseas Missions, Canadian Council of Churches.

But once I pass this way,
And then — no more.
But once, and then the
silent door
Swings on its hinges —
Opens — closes —
And no more
I pass this way.
So while I may
With all my might,
I will essay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the Pilgrim
way;
For no man travels twice
The Great Highway
That climbs through darkness
up to light —
Through night
To day.

— John Oxenham

Our Sisters of Africa

BY LEETA MCCULLY CHERRY

DR. FRANK LAUBACH, in one of his Literacy Letters from Africa, tells of a Bula woman in the far-away Cameroons, only recently able to read and to experience in her own life the inspiration and power of a personal Saviour, who rose from her small group of neighbour women to pray . . . "Oh God, once we were just animals, but now we are people. Once we thought white people were ghosts, but now we know that they are people too. We are ALL people, and for this we thank Thee, God; we thank Thee, Oh God!" She was a middle-aged woman of a primitive tribe which not long ago practised cannibalism, and her contacts with the outside world and its viewpoints had been few and far between, but how unerringly, in the overflowing gratitude of her heart, had she grasped the one great essential fact and common denominator of womanhood all over this vast world. "We are ALL people — and for this we thank Thee, God!"

White, brown, black or yellow, He has created us all, equal in His sight; all the unworthy children of Christ's love, and sisters together in our fundamental needs and desires; our basic longings and emotions; our human failures and weaknesses; our individual problems of home and family life, and our urgent need for help and guidance in this troubled world in which we all live and which we all hope to make a better world for our children and those who come after them. Our African sisters, wakening now to the realization of the wider fuller life which they can have a part in creating for themselves, their families and their people, are facing a much more difficult struggle than women of the western world have ever known. They are looking to us for help, understanding, sisterly tolerance and direction. Are not we, to whom so much has been so freely given, both obligated and privileged to give to these, freely and generously out of our own grateful hearts, everything we can of our own experience, education, knowledge, love and respect? Let us never forget that these African women, no matter what their tribe or district, are, in the last analysis, just ourselves, set down in a different environment, different civilization and background, different outlook and beliefs, and that, underneath any national veneer in which they may appear, women are always fundamentally the same, and fundamentally able to understand and help one another.

While it has often been true that the African husband objects to his wife and womenfolk receiving out-

United Nations

". . . There is tremendous book hunger all through Africa."

side education, this attitude is not nearly so prevalent today, a change of thought and attitude which first became generally evident during the last war, when so many African regiments were recruited. All these men were taught to read and write, and in their eagerness to keep in touch with their homes soon became anxious that their wives should be taught, so that they could maintain personal communication with one another. African women who were themselves educated became increasingly determined that others would be also, and Dr. Laubach's Literacy Campaigns and simplified reading charts, with his slogan of "Each one, teach one," have opened up the gates of knowledge and ambition for further education to hundreds of thousands of the women of Africa. Everywhere, those who have experienced the magic of "The Talking Leaf" are so appreciative of the help it brings that there is now a tremendous book hunger all throughout Africa, with women eagerly asking for booklets, periodicals, pamphlets and helps of every kind on every subject that has to do with life and living, as well as detailed accounts of what women are doing in other lands, and just how they are going about it. Particularly are they evidencing an intelligent and comprehensive interest in the home life of the western lands. The late Miss Margaret Wrong, who so intimately knew the people and the homes of Africa, once said, "The Christian home becomes the centre of community life and the foundation for all social work. To this end the education of women and girls must progress, and Christian literature dealing with all educational phases is a first essential for the African woman. It is the most powerful influence in relation to all their lives call for."

Actually, the women of Africa, generally speaking, have great possibilities as future leaders of their community thought, and considerable experience also, because, always, African women have taken a very important part in tribal affairs. Often they are the real powers behind the Men's Councils, in which they take no visible part, although in real fact they are the behind-the-scenes rulers of the tribe; some are even Chieftainesses. They are possessed of keen and intelligent minds, very remarkable intuition, and amazing memories, since through long centuries of having no written language, they have become able to remember perfectly anything they have once heard. Such a one is Regent Mantsebo Seeiso, elected by the Basutoland Council as paramount Chief until her son comes of age, the first time in history that a woman has been entrusted with the government of the powerful Basuto people, whose territory covers an area of 11,700 square miles. Not long ago, in company with twelve Basuto Chiefs, she travelled to England to study agricultural methods, where her smiling, dignified personality and quick intelligence made a strong impression everywhere she went. Usually, it is the interest of the leading women of the tribe which must first be gained in any appeal or objective brought before the tribe, and never, so I once heard Miss Wrong say, must the Grannies of the tribe be forgotten or over-ruled. These older women are always both wise and powerful and it is they, if interested, who will give permission and encouragement to the younger women to go ahead. These African women are well used to planning and thinking, for in all tribes it has always been the woman's work to look after the store of food and use it carefully. Everyone respected the woman who used the food wisely, so that it would last till the next harvest, yet who was always able to satisfy the hunger of her family and the strangers who visited them. She knows already how to budget her own resources, even as does her sister Canadian housewife, and from that, it would not be too difficult a step to learn the management of other affairs as well.

Earnestly and steadfastly, the African women are fighting their own great battles to gain emancipation from tribal traditions of female inferiority. British Colonial Administrators have many records of determined women who have made their slow way to become Nurses, lawyers, doctors, teachers; helping their fellow women and making fine contributions to the improvement of African life.

Estimates for 1953

THE beginning of a new year brings to our members a rededication of their prayers, their service, and their substance to the work of our Church and in particular, to that branch which has been committed to our care. In the realization of this we are reminded of our Council Meeting last year when the delegates accepted unanimously the increased needs of our Society at an estimated cost of $237,000.00. These delegates were your appointed representatives and they deserve your loyal support in the fulfillment of this objective. But not for their sake alone must we strive to meet our requirements but because this is God's work and we must render unto Him those things which are His, in order that His command to us "Go ye and teach" might be fulfilled.

There are several reasons why our estimates have increased for 1953. First in the matter of salaries. General Assembly last year, on the recommendation of a Committee appointed in 1951, established a minimum salary for graduate deaconesses of $1,400.00 plus a reasonable allowance for room. We have, therefore, adopted a minimum rate of $1,800.00 for graduate deaconesses which is an increase of $300.00 over previous years. This, of course, necessitated a complete revision of our whole scale of salaries with the resultant total increase for all workers of approximately $8,600.00.

Mrs. G. R. Pye — **Palmer**

In our National Missions we estimated for two new missionaries in 1952. We were fortunate in securing four in the persons of Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Edmonton and Mrs. William Weir, London, as Hospital Visitors; Miss Margaret Near, deaconess in Saskatchewan and Miss Agnes McLeod in Ontario. We regret to report, however, that Miss McLeod has since resigned from our staff to accept congregational work. Our personnel in Children's and Youth Work has been exchanged, Miss Catherine Watson going to Tyndale

House, Montreal and Miss Margaret Boyd to Vancouver.

The estimate for the maintenance of our three vans in Western Canada has been increased by $400.00 due to cost of repairs, upkeep, gasoline, etc.

We are estimating for three new missionaries, one to replace Miss McLeod and the others to fill two of the many requests that come to us for workers. This is expansion work in connection with our National Missions.

The amount of $500.00 set aside for Contingencies or unexpected items not provided for in the National Department is a reduction of $1,500.00 from 1952.

In our Overseas Missions we are estimating for two new missionaries and already one of these has been accepted on our staff and is taking special training. The second has applied and been accepted as a candidate in this department.

Our Estimate for India shows an increase over last year, because the name of Miss Ida White, Reg.N. now appears in this Field, and also because of increased salaries and other requirements.

The increase in British Guiana over last year is due to the fact that both our missionaries are back on the field from their furloughs, so that the estimate under "General Conduct of Work" is for a full year rather than a half year as was the case in 1952.

Our staff in Taiwan has been increased by the arrival there of Misses Margaret MacKenzie, Hazel Macdonald and Geraldine Greer, and the general expenses covering the work have also increased.

Under "Training of Nationals" you will notice that the name of Mr. Stephen Shih, China, replaces that of Miss Katherine Sun whose training on our part has been completed. In the November issue of *The Glad Tidings* you will have read the article about "Stephen".

An amount of $1,500.00 has been included under "Expansion" to commence work on a new Field in accordance with the request of Council in 1951 that Council Executive explore the possibility of new work and bring back to Council some concrete proposals for consideration. The Overseas contingency has been reduced to $500.00.

Our Organizations department has made a definite advance in the appointment of a Director of Organization in the person of Miss Margaret Webster, B.A. We have again estimated for a new Regional Secretary and it is our earnest hope and prayer that this year we may be successful in filling this position.

Our estimate for Camps and Conferences has been increased to $1,000.00 and a contingency of $500.00 has been added.

The Students Department has been increased by $50.00 because of the greater needs for assistance in this work among students.

In the Candidates Department our previous estimate of $100.00 has not been sufficient as the cost of bringing candidates to Toronto for interviews, of medical examinations for those considered favourably, and of advertisements to fill positions in our staff or in the Indian Schools has increased substantially, so we have entered an amount of $200.00 for this department.

The Estimate for Christian Literature remains the same as in 1952, and our Legacy Fund will provide $3,400.00 again this year.

In our Publications the mimeographing for the Organizations Department has been increased by $150.00. This covers studies and helps for different departments, for leaders, etc.

We have not estimated an amount to cover any deficit that might occur in the cost of printing *The Glad Tidings* in its present form. If the subscriptions for our magazine are not sufficient to meet this cost, then the General Fund may provide the required amount. This was approved at Council in May, 1952. As you can see this would mean an increased estimate, so we hope our members will put forth special efforts to secure new subscribers for *The Glad Tidings*

Under General Administration, expenses continue to rise, because the costs of all services are rising: postage, telephones, telegrams, hydro, stationery, typewriters, deputation from Council Executive to Synodical Annual Meetings, missionaries on deputation work, two Synodical Presidents to annual meetings of Board of Missions. These are some of the items included in this department.

The expenses, transportation, etc. of our Council Meeting in 1953 have been estimated at $5,000.00, an increase of $2,500.00 over 1952 when our meeting took the form of an Enlarged Council Executive.

In view of the increase in salaries, the temporary Cost of Living Bonuses in effect last year have been discontinued. The General Contingency has also been reduced by $1,500.00.

This is not an impossible objective which we are being asked to meet, it is a challenge to each of us to show our love of Him who gave His only begotten Son that we should live. And because we live and love we will serve, and if we serve we will give, and if we give we will be able to do our share in the great missionary work of our Church.

"The will to serve, the will to aid,
In every worthy cause to share.
By these the spirit is displayed"
And what for others it will bear.

"True greatness more than that
demands,
From rich and poor it also needs
The gracious minds and willing
hands
To do the unrewarded deeds."

(*Mrs. G. R.*) *RUTH E. PYE*,
Treasurer.

W.M.S. ESTIMATES *for* 1953

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Secretary — Miss Frieda Matthews

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal: Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie.
Toronto: Miss Fay McTavish and Chinese Worker.
Vancouver: Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Yeung and Annie Wilson.
Victoria: Misses Gertrude Scott and Grace Lee.

Salaries, Expenses and Rent	$ 16,345.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

*Birtle: Mr. and Mrs. M. Rusaw.
*Cecilia Jeffrey: Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Andrews

Salaries	$ 2,300.00
Travelling expenses of School Chaplain	100.00
	$ 2,400.00

*Balance of salaries is paid from Department of Indian Affairs and all living is provided.

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Vancouver: Miss Ellen Douglas.
Edmonton: Mrs. Jessie Anderson.
Winnipeg: Mrs. G. W. Bradley.
London: Mrs. Wm. Weir.
Toronto: Mrs. S. M. Gillespie.
Montreal: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 11,000.00

DEACONESSES

Hamilton: Miss Margaret Allan.
Saskatchewan: Miss Margaret Near.
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School: Miss Helen Ross, part salary paid from Government Grant.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 4,470.00

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK

*Vancouver: Miss Margaret Boyd and Miss Athalie Read.
Tyndale House, Montreal: Miss Catherine Watson.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 5,450.00
Maintenance	500.00
	$ 5,950.00

*Living quarters provided.

IMMIGRATION

Montreal: Miss Hilda Blackwell.

Salary and Expenses, part time office help, and printing letters of welcome	$ 2,500.00

MISSIONARY VANS

Peace River, Alberta: Miss Marjorie MacKay, Assistant (Summer Worker)
Rocky Mountain House, Alberta: Miss Winnifred Ripley, Assistant (Summer Worker)
Saskatchewan: Staff Deaconess to be in charge, Assistant (Summer Worker)

Salaries and Expenses	$ 5,700.00
Maintenance of three vans	1,300.00
	$ 7,000.00

Two Student Deaconesses, summer appointees.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 1,300.00
Transportation for summer appointees	500.00
New Missionaries, Salaries and Expenses	4,500.00
National Contingency	500.00
TOTAL	$ 56,465.00

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Chinese Work	$ 16,345.00
Indian Work	2,400.00
Hospital Visitors	11,000.00
Deaconesses	4,470.00
Children's and Youth Work	5,950.00
Immigration	2,500.00
Missionary Vans	7,000.00
Student Deaconesses	1,300.00
Transportation of Summer appointees	500.00
New Missionaries, Salaries and Expenses	4,500.00
National Executive Secretary, and Stenographic Secretary, Salaries and Expenses	5,600.00
National Work Contingency	500.00
	$ 62,065.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and Equipment, including Camps, Medicine Hat Training School, Children's Centre Vancouver, and Vans	$ 1,700.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Secretary — Miss Laura K. Pelton

INDIA

Jhansi Field:

Salaries: Misses Edith Magee, B.A.; Hazel Reaveley; Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E.	$ 4,600.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	2,000.00
Educational	5,200.00
Medical	850.00
Orphans and Widows	915.00
Maintenance Manager	300.00
General Maintenance (upkeep of car, taxes, labour, repairs)	1,500.00
Miscellaneous, (Mission business, stationery, postage, etc.)	175.00
	$ 15,540.00

Bhil Field:

Salaries: Misses Lily Simpson, Reg.N.; Irene Stringer; Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.; Marion Williamson; Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.; Beatrice Scott, B.A.; Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.; Margaret Kennedy; Pauline Brown, Reg.N.; Ida White, Reg.N.; Agnes Hislop	$ 17,000.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	1,050.00
Medical: Operating Mobile Clinics	2,700.00
Nursing Education, $300.00, (Elizabeth Burns Legacy)	
Maintenance Nurses' Home and Maternity Ward	225.00
Educational: Schools and Hostels	6,250.00
Teachers' Training	200.00

High School Education for Girls	340.00
Scholarships	200.00
M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home	1,600.00
Language Study, Misses Brown, White, Hislop	1,200.00
General Maintenance (Taxes, labour, repairs, upkeep of cars etc.)	1,650.00
Miscellaneous (Mission Business, stationery, postage, etc.)	200.00
	$ 32,615.00

Co-operative Work:

Vellore All-India Christian Medical College;	
Salary and Expenses, Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., B.Sc.	$ 1,780.00
Language Study	200.00
Grant to Vellore Medical College	2,000.00
Grant to National Christian Council	150.00
Women's Union Missionary Society of America, Jhansi	100.00
	$ 4,230.00
Total for India	$ 52,385.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries: Misses Ellen Anderson and Margaret Ramsay	$ 3,200.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	500.00
Miss Eileen Budhoo, Guianese Worker, Salary and Expenses	385.00
Car allowance & driver, travel, Miss Ramsay and Miss Anderson	1,000.00
Rent in lieu of houses	700.00
Miscellaneous, postage, stationery, etc.	100.00
Total for British Guiana	$ 5,885.00

TAIWAN

Salaries: Misses Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.; Dorothy Douglas; Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.; Margaret MacKenzie; Hazel Macdonald, B.A.; Geraldine Greer, B.A.	$ 9,200.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Tamsui Girls' School	3,500.00
Evangelism: Bible Women	1,500.00
Field Work	500.00
Travel	300.00
Maintenance (Repairs)	300.00
Music Department	125.00
Miscellaneous (Clerical help, mission business, postage, stationery)	700.00
Cost of living	465.00
Language Study	300.00
Total for Taiwan	$ 16,890.00

KOREANS IN JAPAN

Bible Women and Kindergarten	$ 500.00

BRAZIL

Partial support of General Secretary, Student Christian Movement	500.00

NEW MISSIONARIES

New appointees	2,800.00
Travel, outfit allowances, Cost of Living, Language Study	3,400.00
	$ 6,200.00

TRAINING OF NATIONALS

Miss Margaret Lim, Taiwan	$ 200.00
Miss Carol Chiam, Taiwan	300.00
Mr. Stephen Shih, China	1,000.00
	$ 1,500.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furlough travel, Medical studies and Cost of Living allowance in Canada for five missionaries: —

Misses Kennedy, Reavley, Magee, Douglas and MacMurchy	$ 3,250.00

OVERSEAS SUMMARY

India	$ 52,385.00
British Guiana	5,885.00
Taiwan	16,890.00
Koreans in Japan	500.00
Brazil	500.00
New Missionaries	6,200.00
Training of Nationals	1,500.00
Missionaries' Expenses	3,250.00
Overseas Executive Secretary, and Stenographic Secretary, Salaries and Expenses	5,600.00
Overseas Contingency	500.00
Expansion	1,500.00
	$ 94,710.00

ORGANIZATIONS

Director of Organization — Miss Margaret Webster, B.A.

Organization Staff:

Director of Organization.

Departmental Secretaries: Miss Lily Macarthur (Children's Work), Miss Elizabeth Moodie (Associate Children's Work), Miss Grace Irvine (Youth Work), Miss Helen Bricker, B.A. (Girl's Work, salary paid by Board of Christian Education.)

Regional Secretaries: Misses Ruby Walker, Grace Mackay, Margaret MacNaughton, B.A., New Secretary.

Stenographic Secretaries.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 27,650.00
Camps and Conferences	1,000.00
Synodical Grants for Promotion Work	750.00
Contingency	500.00
	$ 29,900.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Grant to Visual Education Committee, General Board of Missions	$ 1,000.00
W.M.S. films and slides	50.00
	$ 1,050.00

STUDENTS

Student Christian Movement, Missionary Committee	$ 125.00
Student Christian Movement, General Fund	75.00
Friendly Relations, Overseas Students	75.00
Contingencies	75.00
	$ 350.00

CANDIDATE

Department Expenditures	$ 200.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Christian Literature for Formosa	$ 600.00
Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Incorp.	300.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, through National Christian Council, (Dr. Manikam)	400.00
Christian Literature for India, "The Christian Home"	1,000.00
Christian Literature for Africa, through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	1,000.00
Christian Literature for China, through the Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese	500.00
Christian Literature for Latin America	500.00
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature used for literature in Korea and Japan	1,000,00
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	50.00
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	600.00
Italian Literature in Canada, through Rev. Mariano DiGangi	300.00
"L'Aurore"	500.00
Hungarian Literature, "The New Life"	500.00
Ukrainian Literature, "Evangelical Truth"	1,000.00
The British and Foreign Bible Society	1,500.00
	$ 10,000.00
Less amount to be taken from Legacy Fund	3,400.00
	$ 6,600.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	$ 10.00
Joint Commission on Missionary Education	100.00
Canadian School of Missions	1,000.00
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00
Orphaned Missions	1,000.00
Canadian Overseas Missions Council	825.00
	$ 2,960.00

Korea $50 – F.M. – India $30 – China 75
Remainder 25

PUBLICATIONS

Salaries: Editor, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department and Assistants	$ 10,200.00
Office Rent (part)	1,860.00
Children's Department (The Christian Counsellor)	400.00
Free Leaflets	225.00
Free Literature	500.00
Mimeographing (Missionary letters)	60.00
Mimeographing (Organization Department)	300.00
Annual Report and mailing tabulated forms	2,300.00
	$ 15,845.00

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries: Accountant and Stenographer	$ 4,500.00
Office Rent (part)	3,720.00
Auditing	400.00
General Expenses, including Deputation and Exchange	6,000.00
Life Membership	500.00
	$ 15,120.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Expenses, transportation, etc.	$ 5,000.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$ 62,065.00
Insurance and Taxes	1,700.00
Overseas Missions	94,710.00
Organization	29,900.00
Visual Education	1,050.00
Students	350.00
Candidates	200.00
Christian Literature	6,600.00
Grants	2,960.00
Publications	15,845.00
Administration	15,120.00
Council Meeting	5,000.00
General Contingency	1,500.00
	$237,000.00

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND

Estimate for 1953

Interest on Permanent Endowment, Bhil Field	$ 60.00
New Canadian Boy	100.00
Miss Margaret Lim	700.00
Miss Carol Chiam	100.00
Miss Catherine Watson	50.00
Miss Marjorie MacKay	200.00
Miss Dorothy Douglas, Refresher Course	50.00
Miss Edith Magee, Post Graduate Course	150.00
Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Post Graduate Course	150.00
	$ 1,560.00

New Organizations

ALBERTA

Peace River Presbyterial — Explorer Group, Glen Leslie, Leader, Mrs. C. Wales.

SASKATCHEWAN

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Tisdale. Leader, Mrs. J. Roed.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial — Mission Band, Allenford. Leaders, Mrs. Cecil Buckton, Mrs. Carman Rourke.

C.G.I.T. Group, Owen Sound. Leader, Mrs. C. C. Palmer, 222 Second Ave. E.

Hamilton Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., St. John's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Miss Donna Truscott, 127 Fairleigh Ave. S.

C.G.I.T., New Westminster Church, Hamilton. Leader, Mrs. N. Anderson, 959 Main St. E.

Huron Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Knox Church, Goderich. Leader, Mrs. J. McNevin, 196 Cameron St.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Guelph Presbyterial—Evening Associate Group, Elmira. Pres., Mrs. L. Weber; Treas., Mrs. J. McCormick; Sec., Mrs. C. Cooper.

Evening, Affiliated Group, Waterloo. Pres., Mrs. Stewart Wismer; Treas., Mrs. H. Bordman; Sec.; Mrs. Andrew Dinsmore.

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The Indian Schools

Miss Frieda Matthews reports following her visit to Kenora and Birtle in the Autumn of 1952

ONCE again it was my happy experience to visit our two Indian schools and once again I was thrilled with the work being done there. My thoughts were—as they have been on past occasions—how grateful we should be for the opportunity of having a share in helping to mould the lives, the thinking, the attitudes of these young Canadians.

We are most grateful to the Rev. J. C. E. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews for coming to our aid at Kenora. Already they have a fine grasp of the work at the school and are giving splendid leadership. Many improvements have been made during the last few months, among these being new floor covering on the main hall, and new electric wiring throughout the whole building. With the new wiring have come many changes for the better in proper lighting, particularly in the classrooms. Several of the rooms are to be decorated as soon as the wiring is completed.

Although the children were tardy in returning to school due to rice gathering, fishing, etc. the enrolment is now over 100.

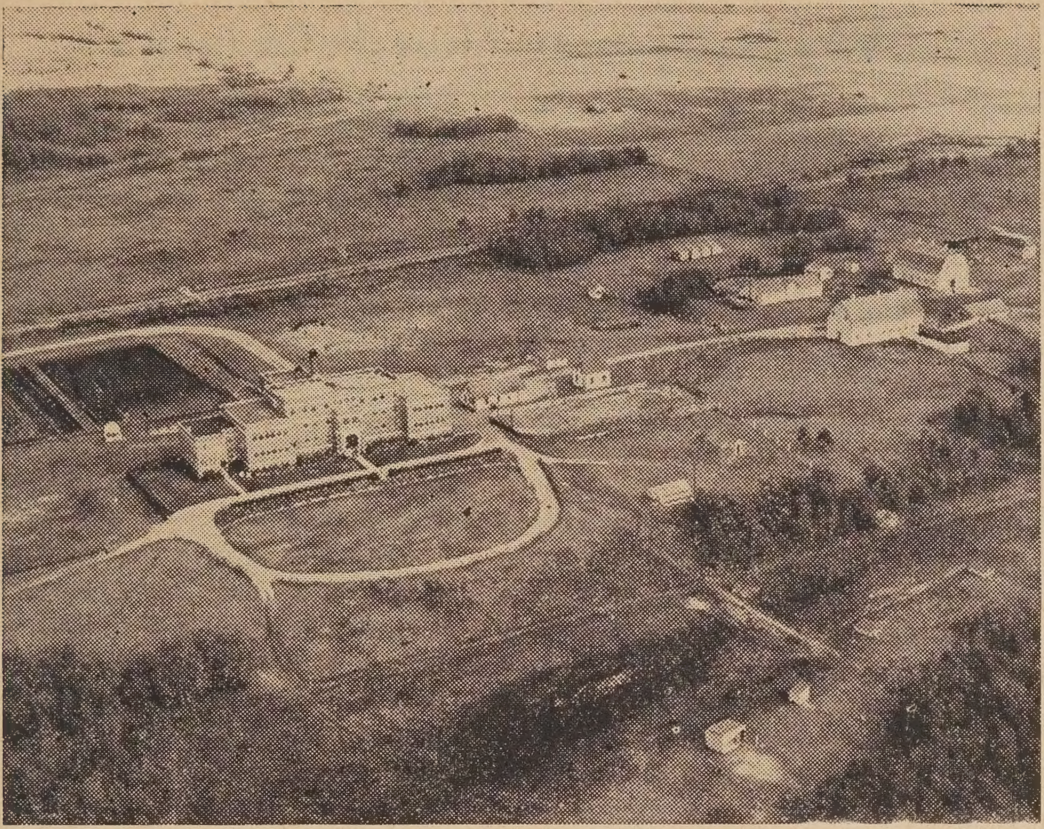
We are glad that we have almost the complete number of members of staff.

Miss Stewart, Reg. N., who has been at Kenora for some years, is spending the winter months in Toronto, doing some refresher work at the Sick Children's Hospital. At the time of writing we have not yet been able to find a replacement for Miss Stewart.

Because of the increased number of senior pupils and the lack of classroom space in the Birtle High School, it was necessary to have both Grades IX and X taught in our residential school at Birtle. This means that we have now four classrooms—two for public school pupils and two for high school students, with over one hundred and fifty enrolled.

Here, too, as at Kenora, many improvements have been made since last year—barns, sheds, granaries painted and a new greenhouse built. The garden and farm crops were bountiful. The large farm at Birtle (880) acres makes it possible to produce most of the vegetables, dairy products, eggs, etc., which are required at the school.

Chapel and church services are conducted by the Rev. J. C. E. Andrews at the Kenora school, while the Sunday services at Birtle are conducted by Rev. J. Y. Garrett



— Virden Photo Studio

Aerial View of Birtle Indian School. The School overlooks the town of Birtle which is in the valley whose slopes are in the foreground. The railway runs right behind the school — to the rear of the gardens.

of the Waywayseecappo Reserve.

In both schools there is need for more accommodation for staff members, for classrooms, children's reading rooms and gymnasium.

We would express our appreciation to all the members of staff, for their faithfulness and patience in their great desire to help these Indian children.

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

"Go Forward"

The sun sinks in the West,
The old year dies,
Out of its memories gather the best,
And start with hope on to-morrow's quest
When the New Year shall arise;
Thanking our God for the bygone days,
Trusting in Him for the unknown ways,
Ready to love, and to serve, and to praise, -
And leaving to Him the rest.

A. R. G.

Women's Inter-Church Council

THIS is the season when we prepare for the World Day of Prayer service. You will see the programme in this issue.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Churches, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, chairman of the Women's Inter-Church Council, presented the report of the Council to the delegates.

The Women's Inter-Church Council is a National committee. Though there are local committees to carry out the activities of the National Council, these committees are really autonomous. "The main project of the Women's Inter-Church Council is the promotion of the observance of the World Day of Prayer, and the dissemination of literature made possible by offerings given at prayer services," said Mrs. Inkster. The theme for the prayer programme this year is: "Walk as children of the Light". This year for the first time the Canadian service is made possible in Braille, and will be sent throughout Canada where it is desired.

—Palmer

Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President Women's Inter-Church Council.

An interesting fact connected with the observance of the World Day of Prayer in Leap Year reveals the growth of the witness of the service. In 1932, the Service was observed on February 29th, (the date is the first Friday in Lent). The offerings were $3,100. Twenty years later, another Leap Year and again the service fell on February 29th. This year the receipts were $31,000 or exactly ten times the amount twenty years ago.

As Mrs. Inkster concluded her report, delegates representing several organizations told how the Women's Inter-Church Council had helped to forward their work through grants for Christian Literature. These expressions, warmly given, made the observer feel how great was the witness made by this body of women working together that all women in Canada and throughout the world might feel the power of prayer in their lives.

World Day of Prayer Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1953

Prepared through the cooperation of African Christians.

The Drum Call

(used throughout Africa to assemble the people for worship)

Come everybody, come everybody!
Prepare to come to the house of God.
Come, come come.

The words of God are like the clouds
of the morning,
The clouds of the morning sky.
You must come out of your house to
see them.
They cannot come in to you.

Don't keep sitting by your fire today.
Come to see the Lord
Look up and see the clouds of the
morning.
The clouds of the morning sky.

Women, don't work in your garden today
Brother, lay down your bow and arrow
Seek rest and strength in the words
of God
The beautiful words of God.

The hour of worship is near.
Go to the river and bathe.
Prepare your bodies, prepare your hearts.
Come, let us worship the Lord.

Theme: Walk as Children of Light

(Ephesians 5:8)

(Quiet music if desired, but reverent silence will be observed as the people assemble.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: (people standing)

O worship the Lord, in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

This is the Day of Prayer. Did you hear the children of God singing in India, while yet it was dark with you? And at noon were you aware of the multitude singing to the north and to the south? And when you go to rest at night, will you sleep without a thought for those who will be singing and praising God over the shoulder of the world. where the sun is in the morning? Shall men be praising God round the earth and all day long, and we be content to measure His worship by the hour, by the place, by the tribe?

Leader and People in unison:

Father of Lights, in whom there is no shadow
Giver of every good and perfect gift;
With one accord we seek Thy Holy Presence,
Gladly our hearts to Thee in praise we lift.

Glad for the cause that binds our lives together,
Through Thee united, worshipping as one;
Glad for the crowning gift that Thou hast given,
Sending to light the world Thine only Son.

Thou art the Christ! To Thee we owe allegiance.
May our devotion swell from sea to sea;
Even as we the gift from Thee receiving,
Joyfully minister that gift for Thee. Amen.

(Words by Elizabeth Wilson and Helen Thoburn — 1913, used by permission of the Women's Press.)

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Tune: Hymn to Joy or Beecher) Book of Praise No. 91, verses 1 and 2.

Leader: (people seated)
The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear:
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps. 27:1.)

People: For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light. (Ps. 36:9.)

Leader: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Ps. 119:105.)

People: The entrance of Thy word giveth light. (Ps. 119:130.)

Leader: Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. (Ps. 97:11.)

People: Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. (Ps. 4:6.)

Leader: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isa. 9:2.)

People: For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor.: 4, 6.)

Leader: That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (John 1:9.)

People: In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4.)

Leader: Then spake Jesus unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12.)

People: But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:7.)

Leader and People in unison: (standing)

We praise Thee, O God;
We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord,
All the earth doth worship Thee,
The Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud,
The heavens and all the powers therein,
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim, continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Sabaoth,
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
(Te Deum Laudamus)

Leader: (people seated) Thou to Whom we always look, lighten our hearts as the sun throws light upon the dark bushes around us. May we always reflect Thy radiance so that those who have not known Thee may see Thee in us. In the name of the Great Light we ask. Amen.

(By a teacher in Mayamba, Belgian Congo.)

People:

O Light of the Great God
Which has shined in our darkness,
Lord of Life,
Light for us the Fire of Life
On this our Day of Prayer.
O Lord, look upon us,
We lift to Thee our lamps,
Even our hearts,
Let them be lit up with Thy Light,
Great God of all goodness,
Lord of Life,
Spirit of Holiness,
Thou art worthy to be worshipped by all men.

(God's Candlelights by Mabel Shaw, by permission of "Friendship Press.")

Leader:

This is He, the great God, high in high Heaven,
Thou, Thou, the Great Great One, of Truth the Buckler,
Thou, Thou, the All Glorious, of Truth the Stronghold,
Thou, Thou, the Great, Great One, in whom Truth shelters,
Thou, Thou, the Almighty, high in the highest, . . .

Thou, Who hast created life all about us,
Thou, Who art our leader, Thou Who dost guide us.

The robe from His shoulders He cast about us,
Thy cloak, O Saviour, Whose hands are wounded,
Thy cloak, O Saviour, Whose feet are bleeding,
See the stream of His life blood that floweth to save us.
That floweth to save us though we did not ask it.

It is paid so freely without our praying,
Heaven our homeland with no beseeching?

(From "The World at One in Prayer" by Daniel Johnson Fleming.
This excerpt by Ntsikana, a Bantu Christian.)

People: Father of us all, this is truly Thy world. Help us to steer a true course through Thy world. Lead us today into a new way of life. Help us to control not only our thoughts but our words and deeds. Yes, Father, give us a genuine feeling of love and kindness and charity. Help us to do as Jesus did, all things pleasing to Thee.

Today we want to make such a simple and sincere prayer for everybody in need everywhere. Bless our folks, our friends, our neighbours, and all Thy children. Bless them in all they do for their living, and show them and us how to overcome all our problems. (By a South African student.)

O God, we cannot stand before Thee and profess that we have sought every way in the world without, and every way within, and made every straining effort of wisdom to devise a good way of life. Forgive us for the inequalities we tolerate in the family of Thy children. Let us not fall into the temptation of indifference, stupidity, complacency and selfishness, but deliver us from the evil we have wrought in Thy world. Teach us the implications of the shame we feel, and of our part in all suffering. For Thine own Name's sake. Amen.

Hymn: "Lord of All Being Throned Afar" (Tune: Arizona) Book of Praise No. 152.

Leader: (people seated) Let us unite in this prayer of an African woman in the Belgian Congo.

"O God, Father of Power, Creator of heaven and earth, we are before Thee. Thou alone art our only support and hope for peace and salvation. Our God, we pray for our friends everywhere. Give them strength of body and of heart that they may have the courage with which to teach the Gospel of Thy Son. Father of Glory, we pray for strength from Thee and wisdom. Father of Peace, we pray Thee for our friends all over the earth that Thou wilt be near them, and wilt give them the Spirit, the Comforter, in their hearts, that they may know Thee and that Thou art their helper in everything on earth. Our God, we give Thee thanks that Thou art with us: Thou dost know the sorrows and troubles that are in the hearts of Thy children. Many weaknesses are among us, but give us the Spirit, the Comforter, within us. We place all leaders of the Church in Thy hands, be Thou the 'One who stirs them in their hearts, that they may cause Thy Kingdom to grow everywhere on earth. Stir the hearts of all Christians to this end.' We pray Thee thus in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Period of Silent Prayer: (Pause after each sentence for silent prayer.)

Leader: Let us here and now, and through the days to come, continue stedfast in prayer.

Let us pray that His followers do not walk in darkness but in the light of life.

Let us pray that He who is the Light of the world continue to lead us on.

Let us pray that those who live in this light have fellowship one with another through their oneness in the blood of Christ.

Let us pray that nations shall live their lives by it, and kings shall bring their glory to it.

The Lord's Prayer. (in unison)

Leader: Let us pray —

For Her Majesty, The Queen, and for all those in authority over us. (Voluntary or by one chosen.)
For homes and families around the world. (Voluntary or by one chosen.)
For increased private and family prayer. (Voluntary or by one chosen.)
For followers of Christ around the world. (Voluntary or by one chosen.)
For non-Christians everywhere. (Voluntary or by one chosen.)
For peace. (Voluntary or by one chosen.)

Leader: Let us now dedicate our lives that we "might walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

People: Cause me to hear Thy loving kindness in the morning; For in Thee do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk; for I lift my soul unto Thee. (Ps. 143:8.)

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Ps. 84:11.)

People: Teach me Thy way, O Lord: I will walk in Thy Truth: unite my heart to fear Thy name. (Ps. 86:11.)

Leader: Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. (Ps. 89:15.)

People: For Thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living. (Ps. 56:13.)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:4.)

Hymn: "Let There Be Light". (Tune: Moscow) Book of Praise 372.

Leader: These words of a missionary to Africa call us to our task:

The one essential thing is that we strive to have light in ourselves. Our striving will be recognized by others, and when people have light in themselves, it will shine out from them.

There is not one of us, speaking to a neighbour or a wanderer at the lighted door of the kitchen or of the school, or of the hospital, or of the church, but may be a lantern in His hand.

Leader: Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Isaiah 60:1.)

Brief Address: (if desired) not exceeding ten minutes.

A leaflet has been provided for speakers desiring it.

Special Music: (if desired)

Leader: As a result of coming together for fellowship and prayer with those around the world, our hearts have overflowed with a desire to help those in need of a Saviour.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

(Soft music while offering is being taken.)

Doxology: (the people standing)

Prayer by Leader: Accept our gifts, O God. We pray that through them Thy light may shine into many lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended." (Tune: St. Clement.) Book of Praise No. 671.

Benediction:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon thee
And give thee peace. Amen. (Nu. 6:24.)

Offerings should be sent to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada 97 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ont. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to "The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada".

World Day of Prayer, February 20, 1953

Order services early, price 1c. plus postage. Address and make out money orders or cheques to: **The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada**, 97 St. George St., Toronto 5, Ontario.

The Toronto offices may be reached by telephone, **KI. 9905.** Office hours: January 1st to March 31st — 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. — April 1st to December 31st — 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

LITERATURE PAGE

Louise A. Reith, M.A., Secretary-Treasurer, Literature Department

JUNGLES AHEAD by Esther D. Horner

FOR ten years Mrs. Horner, the author of *JUNGLES AHEAD!* was a missionary of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in French Cameroun, West Africa. Out of her experience there she gives to us six real-life stories.

In the foreword of the book we are reminded that there are jungles of varying kinds in Africa. There are jungles of forest, of grass, of sand, and of city. There are the old jungles of fear, superstition, ignorance, injustice and disease. There are the jungles of new freedoms and new loves.

Within these jungles young Africans are growing up. In *JUNGLES AHEAD!* we find the story of the conversion of a much-feared witch-doctor as told by his daughter; the story of a young Christian couple facing the two worlds of old and new Africa; we are told of a young African who makes the old method of telling stories to a musical accompaniment an effective method of proclaiming the Gospel; we learn of what happened to a young African soldier and his wife when they were forced to face too suddenly the social and economic jungles of the new Africa; with a young African pastor we attend the youth conference at Oslo and we follow the development of an African Christian teacher.

JUNGLES AHEAD! contains well-told stories of contemporary Africans developing under the influence of the Christian Church. These young Africans face daily the temptations of the jungles about them but these stories are of "young men and women of Africa who have discovered that there is no jungle so dense that it cannot be penetrated with the Light that 'shineth in darkness'." *JUNGLES AHEAD!* by Esther D. Horner $1.25

WHAT IS THIS COMING YEAR?

It is a door by which we reach new fields
Of service for our God and fellow men:
    A door by which we can explore
    Wide spheres of usefulness our world to bless:
And reap the sheaves God's word of witness yields.

William Olney.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

JANUARY is the month of beginnings. Janua in Latin means a door. From this came the name of Janus ancient Roman god of all beginnings. Janus had two faces that he might look both forward and back at the same time and he presided over gateways, bridges and doors and entrances of every kind. In his honour the first month of the year was called January in the seventh century before Christ.

Thus January is the month of beginnings the door of the year. Through it we enter into twelve months of new dreams and new endeavours and through it also we may look back on things already passed.

As members of the Women's Missionary Society are we satisfied with our efforts during the past year? Then let us look forward and realize the new year is a new opportunity but it does not bring back past opportunities. Let this fact make us more faithful to do good as we go along. The year ahead may not look very bright But let us not fail to recall that one great source of joy and peace and assurance, Christ's promise to be with us all the way. "Lo, I am with you alway".

I trust our membership has been increased. Unless we have all our women interested in our work let us continue to add more during the coming year.

Let us not forget to help the leaders of our children's groups, realizing it is our responsibility to see they have the study books necessary to carry on their work.

Let every new secretary contact her Presbyterial Secretary thus learning about the work she is expected to do.

I give you my best wishes for a Happy New Year and I want you to help make it happy for others.

Speak a little more kindly than the
year before
Pray a little oftener, love a little
more
Cling a little closer to the Father's
love
Thus life below shall liker grow to
life above.

In new ways God is speaking to the hearts of men, calling them to give up many prejudices, to accept new visions and hear Him speak in new ways. We need to pray that our eyes may be opened that we may see, our hearts quickened that we may have larger sympathies, our minds enlightened that we may have greater wisdom, our faith increased that we may set ourselves to our work with new faith and new courage. A new world is coming in.

—EDWIN STEVENS LINES.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

ANNOUNCING – An Introductory Study for Young Women's Groups, written by Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary.

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT IT

"I feel that the particular aim of these studies is to give guidance and provoke discussion on the whole matter of missions and our part and responsibilities as individuals and groups in carrying out Christ's command. The work of our own W.M.S. is nicely tied in thus giving realistic meaning to the pieces of work in which we have an actual part; and the devotional services are thoughtfully prepared and relevant to the subject of each meeting."

Ellen V. Haw,
Young Women's Secretary, Council Executive.

"I feel sure it will hold the attention of the young women (older ones too). It is short, direct in approach, meets them where they are."

M. F. Pae, President.

"This type of study is good for a group of young women because it stimulates thought, provides opportunity for individual expression and it *leads* to constructive criticism."

Isabel McLean, Dovercourt Young Women.

"This is something young men can *use*. Topics for discussion to start the thinking wheels turning. Once that happens, it's a short step to action."

Betty Peacock, Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

WHO WILL WANT TO USE IT?

New Groups

Because it will suggest various ways of presenting programmes, i.e. case history; mock trial; incident; dialogue.

Because it will help their members to answer the question "Why should *I* be interested in misions?"

Not- so- new Young Women's groups may also want to use it for special meetings (instead of a speaker)); or for variety in programme.

HOW TO ORDER

Order the study from the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girl's Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary

YOU will remember that Girls' Work Conferences were held in three places in Ontario in the fall of 1951, Kingston, London and North Bay. Because of the great need for strengthening girls' work, it was decided to hold three conferences again in the fall of 1952 and this time to hold them in Chatham, Ottawa and Toronto.

These meetings which were arranged by the Ontario Girls' Work Board, were called Sponsors' Conferences and were arranged for the purpose of helping "sponsors" to know their job, the "tools" available, and the amount of help they were expected to pass on to group leaders.

Some group leaders, eager to obtain all possible help, attended the meetings also.

Good attendance was recorded at all three conferences, but as usual, we would have been happy to see many more Presbyterians, eager to take this opportunity of learning how they might do a more efficient job in their territory. Miss Mary Whale, Miss Ruby Walker and your secretary represented and gave leadership for the Presbyterian Church.

The conference opened on Friday evening, when Miss Iris Daley told of the reasons for our meeting together and of the many opportunities open to us in helping to guide the destiny of our girls. Later, we heard from a worker in the United Church who spoke on "Philosophy and Programme". She told of the problems which faced the leader of teen-age people today, and discussed freely the so-called "attitude" of our young people towards the Church and religion and suggested "remedies".

Those of us who listened, wondered if perhaps our young people would be such 'problems' if we who are trying to lead them, would spend more time in trying to understand their point of view.

Too, would the interest of our girls be so difficult to hold, if we prepared interesting programmes in our groups and in our Church School classes?

After our worship period on Saturday morning we had a panel discussion upon "Women at work in your area". This showed the responsibilities of the local Girls' Work committee — how it operated, its various sub-committees, finance, programme, promotion and camp.

The discussion pointed up, how appointments are made by each denomination, how help is given to the leaders, and also how this committee can work hand in hand with the people who are responsible for girls' work within an area — for instance our Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary.

After a sing-song, we started our denominational sessions, which to many, were the high-spots of the conference.

Here, in the bosom of the family, secretaries and leaders brought their problems, their suggestions of how we might help and here it was that "recipes" were exchanged! No, not recipes for a scrumptious pie, but recipes for the conduct of a successful group. We didn't always keep to the point, there were too many interesting items to relate, but we had a wonderful time sharing experiences and helping each other to solve our problems. One lady who had travelled over a hundred miles to be present said, "It would have been well worth while coming, if only for this session."

After lunch, we met again for another denominational session and when we were summoned for tea, we felt we had accomplished a great deal and had been benefited by the time spent together. Besides, we had all become friends! There is nothing so binding to a friendship as a problem shared!

Later, in the general meeting, we were shown how we could co-ordinate our work and what might be accomplished if we worked together. After dinner and a sing-song — girls' workers love to sing — we met again to plan for the future and to evaluate the conference.

It was the plan of the Ontario Girls' Work Board that these conferences might be held every other year, but the opinion of those who attended was that others of this kind should be held this year, with perhaps three sessions devoted to the problems confronting the local leader.

From time to time on this page, we shall try to tell you more about our discussions and we shall most certainly pass along the "prize recipe" for a successful group.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

1953 WHAT?

AM I interrested in the advancement of my group? Of course I am. How do I go about it? With —

Preparation

— By my own spiritual advancement It is an axiom in education that I cannot teach what I do not know. So to achieve the aim of our children's work which is to know God as loving friend, to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Master and to share that experience with others, I, the leader, must know the saving power of Christ in my own heart. It is not enough to know about Christ. I must know Him. In Jeremiah 29:13 it says, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart". I shall search through Bible study, prayer and the submission of my will until He fills my heart. Then God can use me to show His love to the children.

— Of work and materials as laid out in the supplementary helps accompanying the study book. Much research, thought and prayer has gone into the preparation of these helps and they should be very helpful. They should serve as a guide post for me in the preparation of additional meetings.

— By finding out what my group is learning on Sunday and planning meetings to fit in with and supplement the Sunday programme.

— By considering whether the children are really enjoying the meetings and are profiting from them to the full or if they are just passive. Could it be possible that the meetings are planned according to the pattern always followed to personal satisfaction without enough imagination to see the child's point of view?

— By planning effective use of time for worship, music, study, handwork and games for a well balanced programme. (The supplementary helps prepared by Miss Macarthur and Miss Moodie should point the way.)

— By considering carefully what each meeting contributes to the aim of our children's work. I must not be satisfied just to *do* a programme or keep the children occupied and interested.

— By seeking the co-operation of my pastor and the parents. I shall try and interest my pastor by showing him the study and helps and telling him of my plans for the year. I shall invite him to a meeting and ask him to take some part. I shall keep in touch with the parents by explaining to them the aim of our group and the planned programme for the year to achieve that aim.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial — At the fall Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Penticton,** coloured slides of India were shown by Mrs. C. P. Young, retired missionary from India, now working in Kelowna.

VICTORIA Presbyterial — Approximately fifty women attended the Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Port Alberni.** Miss Buckley, the President, recalled the early days of the work, started by a small group of women of St. Andrew's Church in Alberni (the first Presbyterian Church in the Valley). In commemoration of the 38th anniversary of the initial meeting, she read excerpts from the records showing the work as it started and continued through the years. Rev. W. Moorehead of Knox Church spoke briefly on missions, urging all members to work on with the same enthusiasm as did the women years ago. The guest speaker, Mrs. P. M. Harvey, used "Thankfulness" as the theme of her address.

Editor's Note—Press Secretaries of Westminster Presbyterial are reminded that the Presbyterial Press Secretary is **Mrs. W. Stewart, 5041 Earls Road, Vancouver 16.**

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — Mrs. A. R. Steacy presided at the Thank-offering meeting of **Murrayville** Senior Auxiliary. The topic, "Missions and Protestantism in Latin America" was taken by Mrs. George Bell and Miss Bell. Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Edgar of Vancouver conducted a round table discussion which was enjoyed by all.

At the fall Thank-offering meeting of Fairview Senior Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** the children of the Chinese Kindergarten sang selections in Chinese and English. Mrs. Kevong, who has recently arrived from China, gave her testimony through an interpreter. Psalm 27:1 was her theme of victory in Christ. She had been a member of a Presbyterian Church in China and now will be a wonderful help and blessing to the Church here.

The fall activities have got underway at the Children's Centre with approximately seventy-five attending weekly meetings. The highlight of the activities among the girls' groups was the Canadian Girls In Training party for the Fairview C.G.I.T. group, and the Centre Explorer group. Thirty-one girls attended with their leaders, Mrs. Ian Cameron, Misses Margaret Mackay, Margaret Boyd and Athalie Read. The C.G.I.T. at the Centre was pleased to receive their Chevron Certificate and hope to continue as a Chevron group.

There was a good attendance at the Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Hunter Church, Vancouver. The guest speaker was Mrs. Major Watts of the Salvation Army. At this meeting Mrs. Andrew Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary was honoured in appreciation of her long and faithful service, both in the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society.

At a recent meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Robertson Church, Vancouver, Mrs. Clifford, Presbyterial President, spoke on the subject "God Provides". The Auxiliary also had as guest speaker, Mrs. James Johnston, Superintendent of the British Sailor's Home.

The summer meeting of Kerrisdale Auxiliary, Vancouver, was held at the sea-side home of Mrs. Thomas Deas of West Vancouver for the purpose of visiting the Presbyterian Women's Association of West Vancouver, recently organized.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Aidan's Senior Auxiliary, **New Westminster.** The guest speaker was the Rev. Bryce Wallace who gave a very interesting account of his recent visit to Scotland.

At the fall Thank-offering of the Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, the members had the privilege of hearing about evangelistic work being carried on in the little known Republic of Dominica. The speaker was a Vancouver missionary, Mrs. Rathie, home on furlough from that land, and her message was certainly a challenge to us all. A member of the Mission Band, Kircheen Krist, repeated the 23rd Psalm perfectly in English, though she has been less than a year in this country.

ALBERTA

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RED DEER Presbyterial — The fall Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held at **Willowdale,** with the president, Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, presiding. Discussion re the scholarship fund offered to a student attending the Medicine Hat Training School occupied the greater part of the morning and several recommendations were made. Mrs. Kirkpatrick welcomed visitors and members from the different parts of the Presbyterial, mentioning especially a delegate from Lousana. Lousana is a newly organized group and attended for the first time. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Winnifred Ripley for her good work in the Presbyterial, with the hope expressed that she will continue with us.

The **Carstairs** Auxiliary had a very interesting Thank-offering meeting in October. Rev. Robert Taylor of Medicine Hat was the guest speaker, showing slides of his trip to the Holy Land last year. He was introduced by Rev. R. J. Gillanders who also read a letter from his sister, who is a missionary on the Bhil Field in India. This letter gave a graphic picture of the famine conditions existing in India this year and the work of the missionaries in helping distribute the meagre food supplies. The roll call at this meeting was answered by the placing of a toy in the basket provided to be sent to our own Indian School at Rossburn, Manitoba, for distribution at Christmas time.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Brandon** held their fall Thank-offering with the President, Mrs. Muir, presiding. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Synodical President, gave a very interesting address stressing the need for more workers in the missionary work at home and abroad.

The November meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Brandon, was held with Mrs. J. G. McBurney, Presbyterial President, giving an interesting review of the story "The Other Wise Man"'.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of First Church, **Kenora,** held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. W. L. Watson, with a good attendance. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, President of Manitoba Synodical, gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Society. She also spoke from the text "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before". Miss Frieda E. Matthews, National Missions Executive Secretary, was also present.

The Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Kenora, was held in the church. The speaker was Rev. Eldon Andrews, a returned missionary from China and now Acting Principal of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. Mr. Andrews gave a most interesting address on the problems, beliefs and needs of China. Miss Frances Davidson was honoured.

Mrs. J. A. Davidson, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, was guest speaker at **Selkirk** Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting and they were also happy to have Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. McLeod of Winnipeg.

A gathering of the Home Helpers of First Church, **Winnipeg,** was held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Haig. A report of the work done in this department was given. The Auxiliary President, Mrs. Kernaghan, and the Home Helpers Secretary, spoke briefly. Mrs. Haig presented reasons why Home Helpers should subscribe to *The Glad Tidings.* Mrs. McRae, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, addressed the gathering. Mrs. Haig was honoured by the Home Helpers department of the Auxiliary.

The Thank-offering meeting of Elmwood Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held in the church. Mrs. A. K. Goertzen, presided. The guest speaker was Rev. Wesley Afflick of the Bible Institute. He spoke on the missionary task.

Kildonan Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering service in the church, with Mrs. J. P. Duffin presiding. A splendid address was given by Mrs. G. W. Bradley on the theme "Prayer". She also gave a brief outline of the work done in the many departments of our Women's Missionary Society across the Dominion.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial — The Executive of the Presbyterial had their annual fall meeting in Geneva Church, **Chesley.** Mrs. A. A. Ashley, Presbyterial President, presided.

The Senior Auxiliary and Beatrice Scott Auxiliary of **Port Elgin** had Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, address them at their joint fall Thank-offering meeting. Miss Macarthur also spoke to the **Southampton** Senior Auxiliary at their Thank-offering. It was announced that Mrs. Donald McLean had organized a C.G.I.T. group in Southampton. Miss Lily Macarthur spoke to the Allenford and Tara ladies when they joined for their Thank-offering under the Hanna-Reith Auxiliary, **Tara.** She spoke, too at the **Walkerton** Auxiliary Thank-offering.

Chatham Presbyterial — The Women's Missionary Society groups of First Church, **Chatham,** held a family night at which the Goforth Evening, the Afternoon Auxiliary, Jean Fulton group, Margaret Strang Auxiliary C.G.I.T., and some junior members of the McKay Mission Band, gathered as a large missionary family. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., wearing a beautiful plum coloured silk sari, sandals and native Indian jewellery, told of her work as nursing instructor. The C.G.I.T. group assisted with the ushering and the taking of the offering. Mrs. W. H. McKim was honoured at this meeting for her work with the Mission Band.

The sectional meeting for Essex County was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Puce**, with an attendance of seventy-two, representing Leamington, Knox Church, Windsor, St. Andrew's, Amherstburg, Riverside and Puce. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy was the speaker.

The Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, **Windsor**, made final plans for a baked goods sale and also decided to send a food parcel to a missionary in India.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, re-elected their slate of officers for the new year, distributed 107 assorted magazines to Essex County Sanitorium last month and arranged to send a food parcel to Miss Isabel McConnell in India.

A sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Dresden**. The literature was well displayed. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., was the guest speaker and brought India very close in her talk of her work there. During the social hour Miss MacMurchy, in native costume, displayed jewellery and curios of that land.

Another sectional meeting was held in Knox Church, **Turin**. A large audience was present to welcome and hear Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N. Miss MacMurchy stressed the great value of prayer by the auxiliaries for their work and asked that we constantly hold them up in prayer fellowship.

If you had walked into **Leamington**, Knox Church Sunday School room on the afternoon of October 16th, twenty-two very busy ladies of the Auxiliary would have welcomed you as they quilted and assembled their bale prior to their regular meeting. These ladies made twenty-one visits to the sick and shut-in during the month.

Huron Presbyterial — Carmel Auxiliary, **Hensall**, invited as guests members of Cavan Auxiliary, Exeter, and the Arnold Circle and Carmel Auxiliary Home Helpers, to hear Miss Margaret Ramsay, missionary on furlough from British Guiana.

Knox Church Auxiliary, **Belgrave**, observed their 65th anniversary with a special Thank-offering meeting on October 8th. Special tributes were paid Mrs. R. J. Scott who has been a faithful president for ten years and to three aged members for long term service, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, nearing her 87th birthday, Mrs. Porterfield a former long term president, and Mrs. J. McGuire who will soon reach her ninetieth birthday. Mrs. O. Anderson of Wingham gave the history of the organization since 1885 and Mrs. Fulton of the manse, Brussels, gave an interesting talk on the traditions of Ireland.

Knox Church Auxiliary, **Goderich**, held their Thank-offering meeting in the chapel with the Home Helpers as special guests, and Miss E. Somerville of Owen Sound as their speaker.

Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary, **Sea-**

forth, fittingly observed their 50th anniversary. Mrs. J. B. Russell, President, welcomed the guests and many letters of congratulation were read from former members when the organization was a Mission Band. The guest speaker was a former member, Mrs. Howard Kerr, a daughter of Dr. F. R. and Mrs. Larkin. Dr. Larkin was a beloved minister of First Church for twenty-eight years. Mrs. Kerr took for her subject, "Through The Windows of the Manse", recalling many happy memories. Mrs. S. I. McLean, a charter member gave a brief history of the growth of the Auxiliary from its organization as a Mission Band. Miss Belle Smith, another charter member cut the birthday cake.

London Presbyterial — London Presbyterial fall rally was observed in Hamilton Road Church, **London**, with more than one hundred members representing fifteen of the areas, and thirty-two afternoon auxiliaries. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., described a typical day with her mobile medical unit. Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Presbyterial President, was in charge of the meeting.

The Evening Department and Young Women's Department of the Prebyterial held a rally in Alma Street Church, **St. Thomas**. About one hundred members representing districts in Bethel, Dutton, Duff, Glencoe, Mosa Burns, London, St. Thomas and Port Stanley, saw slides which Miss MacMurchy had taken on her work in India.

The Presbyterial Executive held a meeting in New St. James Church, London, and as a tribute to Miss MacMurchy, the decision was made to accept the support of a boy or girl at school in India for one year. Miss MacMurchy had said at the fall rally in Hamilton Road Church that $50.00 would finance a student in school for one year. Members also voted a year's gift subscription to *The Glad Tidings* for several institutions.

Mrs. W. C. Wheaton of Port Stanley, Evening Department Secretary for London Presbyterial, addressed members of St. George's Auxiliary, London, at their Thank-offering meeting. She was introduced by Mrs. J. R. Waldie.

For the fall Thank-offering meeting at New St. James Church, London, the Auxiliary had Dr. Lewis Nagy, Hungarian minister in Mount Pleasant and Brantford, as their guest speaker.

Miss Ruby Walker was guest speaker at the morning service in Alma Street Church, **St. Thomas**, for the Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting. At a recent regular meeting of this auxiliary Mrs. A. B. Howard was honoured by fellow members.

The Cairncross Mission Band of St. George's Church, London, celebrated its 50th anniversary November 7th, with Kathleen Waldie, Mission Band President, in the chair for the meeting. Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, was the guest speaker. Miss Ada Isaac, first secretary of the Band and for many years a leader, cut the birthday cake.

Knollwood Park Auxiliary, London, was addressed by Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Presbyterial President, at their fall Thank-offering. She gave a most inspiring talk on, "The Gift of the Church to the World".

Maitland Presbyterial — **Kinlough** Auxiliary held a meeting at the home of Mrs. John Emerson when Mrs. John

R. Lane was presented with an Honorary Membership. In the presentation Miss Nellie Malcolm paid tribute to Mrs. Lane's untiring devotion to W.M.S. work for sixty years.

Niagara Presbyterial — Every Auxiliary within the Presbyterial was represented at one or other of the largely attended special meetings arranged on the occasion of Miss Bessie MacMurchy's visit to the Presbyterial. In **Beamsville** she addressed a Sunday morning service and took the evening address at Knox Church, **St. Catharines**, and was the guest of Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Presbyterial President, St. David's. Monday evening Miss MacMurchy spoke at a Thank-offering in **Chippawa**, at which a young girl's auxiliary was formed, to be known as the Bessie MacMurchy Auxiliary, and on Tuesday evening **Dunnville** had over one hundred present to hear her as she addressed that section of the Presbyterial.

Knox Church, **Dunnville**, lost a devoted and faithful member in the passing of Miss Eva Scott, Reg.N., on September 11th. Her untiring efforts for many years on behalf of the Church will long be remembered. She took an active part in the Sunday School. She was leader of the Morning Star Mission Band, and a Life Member in the Women's Missionary Society. Her parents and grandparents were among the staunchest pioneers of the Church, her grandfather was one of the first elders, acting as precentor of the first Knox Church built in 1845. Deepest sympathy is extended to her surviving sister and brother Miss Lulu and Mr. John Scott.

It is with deep regret that we record the recent death of a beloved member of our Society, Mrs. W. J. McMurray of Drummond Hill Church, **Niagara Falls**. Mrs McMurray over the years was a devoted and active member of the Hamilton Presbyterial and in later years was Honorary Vice-President, being honoured with the gift of an Honorary Membership. In her own beloved church, Drummond Hill, she had served as President of the Auxiliary and in other capacities. Her gracious manner, her devotion and wise counsel were ever an inspiration to the missionary groups in the church. In her passing our Society has lost a devoted member and friend.

Paris Presbyterial — Paris Presbyterial held well attended rallies at Ingersoll and Paris. At **Paris**, Mrs. G. Deane Johnston, President, introduced Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary. Miss Pelton urged her listeners to stretch their minds about missionary work, saying the trend today in mission work is toward more co-operative work and we should act in unity. Under the direction of Rev. J. R. Esler, Brantford, the men also had a meeting and their discussion was, "The Man and His Church", led by Mr. F. E. Ellis of Woodstock. Mrs. Wm. Weir, hospital visitor in London, addressed both groups on week-day organizations among the young people.

In Central Church, **Brantford**, the Afternoon Auxiliary and members of the Evening Auxiliary met for their Thank-offering with Mrs. George Barnie, President, presiding and their evening guest speaker was Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from British Guiana. As Central Church is Miss Ramsay's home church, a reception was held at the close of the meeting.

Sarnia Presbyterial — An autumn rally was held in Paterson Memorial Church, **Sarnia**. A notice of this meeting appeared in the local paper inviting friends to come to hear Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N. The church auditorium was filled and the meeting was most inspiring.

Stratford Presbyterial — More than two hundred representatives of the northern section of the Presbyterial representing Listowel, Atwood, Monkton and Milverton churches were guests of the Bessie MacMurchy Auxiliary of **Listowel** Church. Mrs. George Cleland, Vice-President of Stratford Presbyterial, was chairman. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Atwood, introduced the speaker Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., missionary nurse on furlough from India.

The Presbyterial Executive met in Knox Church, **Stratford** for an all day session with Mrs. R. Ballantyne, Avonton, Presbyterial President, in the chair. Reports were presented and beneficial views and ideas exchanged. It was arranged to hold the annual Presbyterial meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, January 15, 1953, with Cromarty Auxiliary in charge of the programme.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial — Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., home on furlough from India commenced her deputation work in Barrie Presbyterial. The increasing interest she created from meeting to meeting, for her work in India was most inspiring and was evidence of the very high regard held for Miss MacMurchy and her work abroad, among the people of her own Presbyterial.

She addressed a Sunday evening meeting in **Elmvale** and the following Tuesday spoke at the Executive meeting of the Presbyterial. Thereafter each evening her illustrated addresses were given at Orillia, Allandale, Tottenham and Bracebridge. Her beautiful coloured pictures had been taken on her own camera, a gift of the Presbyterial at the close of her previous furlough. The concluding meeting was in her own church at Collingwood on a Sunday evening.

Approximately one hundred girls from Barrie Presbyterial gathered in St. Paul's Church, Victoria Harbour, for the annual Girl's Rally. Mrs. W. A. Stewart of Victoria Harbour, Girls' Organizations Secretary for the Presbyterial, presided. The Rev. Charles Carter, minister of St. Paul's Church, extended a very cordial welcome to all girls, leaders and friends. Mrs. Wm. McEachern, President of the Presbyterial, brought greetings and left two texts with the girls: "Study to show thyself approved"; "Behold I have a place for you". A film "Wings of the World" was shown and much enjoyed.

An interesting display of gifts for Mrs. Paul Rumball to distribute in her work were on display in the church. The girls from Orillia, Huntsville, Collingwood, Stayner and Midland took part in the service and left one with the impression that girls' work is the training school for our future W.M.S. executives. Much credit is given to the leaders. Mrs. Rawson, past president of Barrie Presbyterial, presented the banner to Orillia for highest average attendance. Mrs. D. W. McKenzie of Victoria Harbour introduced Miss Ruby Walker.

Miss Walker told the girls several

stories about girls she has known and the great witness and work they have made for Jesus, the Lord and Master of their lives. Miss Walker left one feeling the great pleasure it is to be serving the Master, as she is so vitally alive and happy in her work. Mrs. J. Jack of Stayner thanked Miss Walker.

Miss Walker addressed the newly organized Young Women's group of **Coldwater** Church. Many visitors were present from Orillia, Victoria Harbour, and Midland, and from other denominations in Coldwater. Miss Walker reminded us that our W.M.S. groups "exist to bind older women, young women and children together to pray". She told of many groups she has visited across Canada in Indian Schools and in Chinese communities.

The autumn Thank-offering meeting of **Orillia Auxiliary** was held with Mrs. Allan Ramsay presiding. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. George Murray, an officer of Barrie Presbyterial. This was given by Mr. R. L. Taylor in memory of the late Mrs. Taylor. The presentation of the Honorary Membership and two Life Memberships was made by Mrs. Wm. McEachern, President of Barrie Presbyterial. The speaker for the meeting was Mrs. B. F. Andrews, wife of one of our missionaries in British Guiana. She told of their difficulties and encouragements and impressed all who heard her with an urgency for the work still to be done there.

Kingston Presbyterial—The Executive meeting of the Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, **Kingston** with Mrs. C. A. Smart presiding. Mrs. H. Rollins, Stirling, read the minutes of the summer rally held in Trenton, and an official invitation from the Picton ladies to hold the next summer rally in Picton. The President then proceeded to make full arrangements for the annual meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, January 12th, 1953.

Mrs. J. W. MacDonald, St. John's Church, Pittsburg, Welcome and Welfare Secretary of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, brought an interesting report of the semi-annual meeting held in Toronto. After bringing information helpful to all the secretaries, Mrs. MacDonald then gave a brief summary of the address of Mrs. Hugh MacMillan on life in Formosa. Dr. Hugh A. and Mrs. MacMillan are home on furlough. The people of that mission are rejoicing in their freedom of speech; no longer are they forced to speak only the Japanese language.

In October a joint Thank-offering meeting was held in the evening with the Senior Catherine Fairlie and the Evening Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston. Mrs. P. M. Macdonell introduced the speaker, Captain R. C. Nunn. Captain Nunn, now stationed at Barrifield, gave a very interesting address on conditions in Korea, where he was a misionary befor the fighting, and then an army chaplain. He spoke warmly of the active work still done by congregations established by the Presbyterian Church, and he emphasized the strength of the Christian faith shown by Korean Christians in all their hardships and suffering.

North Bay Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Parry Sound,** had a very pleasant evening when they entertained the Home Helpers in the church hall. Mrs. Rogers spoke on the theme: "Closed doors".

Peterborough Presbyterial — Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial, was guest speaker at the autumn rally of Peterborough Presbyterial which was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Campbellford.** Members were present from seven Auxiliaries. Mrs. A. N. Reid of Colborne presided. January 14th was mentioned as the date for the Presbyterian meeting in Peterborough. The Treasurer's Statement was given by Miss Lees. Mrs. H. Tate of Centreville, introduced Mrs. Curr ,who spoke of the work of the Women's Missionary Society across Canada and brought encouragement and a greater incentive to work for the W.M.S.

Saugeen Presbyterial — Mrs. J. McKerracher of Arthur presided for the meeting of the Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, **Mount Forest.** Of the fourteen auxiliaries in the Presbyterial thirteen were represented. The guest speaker was Mrs. Bricker of Elora. Her subject was "Christianity throughout the Ages". She stressed the need of spiritual revival in these times.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Mount Forest, entertained the new Canadians at a supper. The Rev. M. McNabb extended a warm welcome to them to join in the fellowship of the Church. Pictures of local scenes were shown by Mr. Clancy, and a film on our missionary work in British Guiana was very much enjoyed.

Toronto East Presbyterial — Members of the Auxiliaries of Rogers Memorial Church and Toronto East Presbyterial morun the loss by death of Mrs. S. McCullough. Mrs. McCullough served for some years on Toronto East Presbyterial and at the time of her death was Recording Secretary. Her interest in missions, her qualities of friendship, gave great strength to the cause of our Society in the areas in which she served.

Toronto West Presbyterial — The Thank-offering meeting of Runnymede Auxiliary, **Toronto,** was a combined meeting of all missionary groups with the President, Mrs. J. Sim, presiding. The highlights of this meeting was the presentation of an Honorary Membership to the Rev. A. W. Currie. This was given by Mrs. Edythe Hutchinson in memory of her mother the late Mrs. Roberts. "Family Life in Formosa" was the title of the address by the Rev. Hugh MacMillan, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., who gave us a most intimate and instructive message on his work in Formosa.

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The Senior Auxiliary and the Individual Responsibility Auxiliary of First Church, Brockville, held a joint Thank-offering meeting. The Presidents, Mrs. Brownfield and Miss Campbell presided. Mrs. Brownfield extended a hearty welcome to friends from Caintown, Lansdowne and Prescott Auxiliaries. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., of **Jobat, India,** addressed the meeting, illustrating her description of work among the Bhil people with coloured slides.

Miss MacMurchy also addressed the Thank-offering meeting of **Mountain** Auxiliary, held at the home of Mrs. Harold Graham. Many visitors were present, including members of South

Mountain Auxiliary and Mission Band. Mrs. Hilliard Richardson was honoured for faithful service.

The annual sectional meeting of Section 4 was held in **Dunbar** Church on October 10th with a good attendance from the six Auxiliaries in this section. The President, Mrs. A. G. Suffel presided. The guest speaker was Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., on furlough from the mission field at Jobat, India. Mrs. Larsen, the Presbyterial President, spoke briefly.

St. Paul's Auxiliary, **Winchester**, held its annual "Family Night" in the Sunday School hall on October 14th. The President, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, presided and extended a warm welcome to the newly-formed girl's group, which makes their missionary family complete. Brief reports were given of the 60th anniversary meeting of South Mountain Auxiliary and of the sectional meeting at Dunbar. The speaker was Mrs. Dean of South Mountain, who had been a teacher in our Birtle Indian School and in the Yukon district.

Knox Auxiliary, **Iroquois**, held their annual Thank-offering meeting with guests from the United and Anglican Church Auxiliaries, and from Dixon's Corners. The President, Mrs. J. R. Miller welcomed all present. Mrs. Wm. Reid of Winchester was the guest speaker and her address was on "The Imperative Needs of Youth". She stressed the importance of these needs to Christian women, because it is their responsibility, in the home and in the Church, to help the young people within their sphere of influence, to set a true course for their lives.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial — The fall Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Carleton Place**, with representatives from thirteen auxiliaries. The President, Mrs. H. Barker of Smiths Falls, presided. The Presbyterial Vice-Presidents, Mrs. White of Elphin, Mrs. E. McLean of Dewars, and Mrs. Armstrong of Cobden, each reported excellent sectional meetings held in their respective sections, and encouraging news from the auxiliaries.

Lochwinnoch Auxiliary celebrated their 65th anniversary. Visitors were present from Perth, Smiths Falls, Arnprior, Castleford, Dewars, Glasgow Station, Renfrew and Stewartville. Mrs. J. Thomson, President of Lochwinnoch, presided. The Rev. T. W. Brett gave a detailed history of the congregation since its beginning, and named those who had ministered to it through the years. The history of the auxiliary was given by Miss Ruby McArthur and Mrs. A. Storie. It was organized by the late Mrs. Andrew Irving of Pembroke, in October 1887. In the 65 years the auxiliary missed only two monthly meetings, and these were during an epidemic of diphtheria in the community. A tribute to the late Miss Margaret McInnes was read by Mrs. G. Miller. Greetings were brought by Mrs. H. Barker, Presbyterial President and by presidents of the visiting auxiliaries. Mrs. N. G. Anderson of Perth gave an address on "The Problems of Life".

A splendid piece of work is being carried on at Petawawa, an out-lying district of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, where there is a military training camp, by Rev. George and Mrs. Anderson, former missionaries to Africa. With practically nothing to start with but an empty church, they began work among the children, gathering a few together and teaching them. They interested more children and some of the parents, and now Mrs. Anderson has a C.G.I.T. group of over thirty-five girls and the younger children are Mission Band members. There are now a few women ready to form an auxiliary.

Mrs. Anderson was the guest speaker at the meeting of **Cobden** Auxiliary, when they entertained members from Wolftown, Ross and Scotland. She told of her work as a missionary in Africa, of the living conditions, and of teaching the people to read. They sepecialized on the Gospel of Mark and had it translated into the language of the tribe with which they were working.

Montreal Presbyterial — The 24th annual sectional meetoing of the South Shore District of the Presbyterial was held in **Ormstown** Church. Mrs. K. Pearce presided at the morning meeting and Mrs. J. Gruer the afternoon. Mrs. McMillan of Ormstown welcomed the members. The theme of the meeting was "The Circle of Love". Encouraging reports were heard from **Athelstan, Elgin, Huntingdon, Ormstown**, Rockburn, Beauharnois, Georgetown, Howick and Riverfield. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Harding and Miss Coles were present from Montreal and brought greetings, and Mrs. Baker conducted a questionnaire which proved instructive.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, addressed the meeting telling of her work as a nurse, and how greatly the Mobile Medical Unit has helped in their work.

An open Executive meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial Society was held in Kildonan Hall of the Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul. The President Miss D. Coles presided. The Treasurer reported that the finances showed increases. Miss Bessie MacMurchy addressed the meeting.

Ottawa Presbyterial — Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair addressed the Home Helpers meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Aylmer**, speaking on "Hills", she traced how great men of the Bible had drawn their strength from the hills — David the Psalmist, keeping his sheep on the hills, Abraham, ready to sacrifice his son, Moses on Mount Sinai talking with God, Elijah on Mount Carmel, and Jesus, who so often went up to the mountain to pray. We too, can make our own hill and hold our communion with God.

St. Giles Auxiliary, **Ottawa**, held an open meeting for the Thank-offering meeting which was well attended.. The guest speaker was Major Fred Goforth, son of the late Dr. Johnathan Goforth, pioneer missionary in China, who spoke on China today and conditions there. Major Goforth said missionary work in China could be divided into three periods — Sowing, the work of our pioneer missionaries, who in the face of almost impossible opposition, established churches and baptized Christians; Reaping, the period of building on their foundations and seeing the work advance, and now the period of Testing, to see if there teachings can survive the impact of Communism. He said that in spite of the power of Communist propaganda, he did not believe that the seed sown by our early missionaries could ever be uprooted, and that if it survived, it would show us a brand of Christianity that would put ours to shame.

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November 29th, 1952

RECEIPTS:

Ewart Trust Fund for Overseas Candidate	$ 170.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	100.00
Mrs. W. K. Gibson, Innisfail, Alta.	10.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	5.00
Cairncross Mission Band, St. George's Church, London, Ontario, 50th Anniversary Special offering for Miss Sherrick's work	15.00
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Special Offering from two Rallies in London Presbyterial "To educate boy or girl for one year in Amkut School"	50.00
Miss Margaret Lees, Peterborough, "Christian Literature"	10.00
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Saskatchewan, Supplies	2.40
Manitoba	778.00
Hamilton and London	7,638.71
Hamilton and London, Supplies	182.25
Montreal and Ottawa	3,940.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	79.18
	$15,019.34

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$ 1,081.65
Hospital Visitors	604.52
Deaconesses	147.35
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	437.97
Port Work	266.30
Van Expenses	350.00
National Advance	416.74
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	191.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,728.75
Birtle, Government Grant	4,639.28
Overseas Missions:	
India: Bhil Field	125.00
Taiwan	125.00
British Guiana	250.00
Training of Nationals	25.00
New Missionaries	74.83
Missionaries' Expenses	75.00
Publications	948.49
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Payments from Special Gifts	200.00
Supplies	524.88
Cost of Living Bonuses	180.00
Miscellaneous	694.26
Candidate, Ewart Trust Fund	67.00
Hospitalization Rates	27.85
Missionaries' salaries deposited in Canada on request	215.94
	$19,157.52

TRUST FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund —	
Interest	$ 227.25
Legacy Fund —	
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Estate of the late Miss Etta Wright, through St. Andrew's Church	

Auxiliary, Ottawa	500.00
Estate of the late Mrs. Mary C. McKerroll, through the Mary McKerroll Auxiliary, Victoria Church, Toronto, "Christian Literature"	200.00
Interest	113.50
Special Fund —	
Payment on Loan to Ukrainian Church, Toronto	116.00
Payment from Synod of Manitoba on Shoal Lake Camp loan	75.00
Interest	70.53
	$1,327.28

DISBURSMENTS:

Pension Fund —	
Worker's Annuity rates	$ 17.37
Legacy Fund —	
Records for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	16.20
Peace Thanksgiving Fund —	
Royal Conservatory of Music, Miss M. Lim	140.00
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CORRECTION:

October statement, Sander purchased for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School shown under Pension Fund should have been Legacy Fund.

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Editorial

OUR thoughts are drawn to the meaning and effectiveness of prayer particularly at this time of year as we draw near the Lenten Season and mark the beginning of that season by sharing in the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Inkster in reporting to the Canadian Council of Churches on the Women's Inter-Church Council which promotes the observance of the Day of Prayer in this country, spoke of the annual prayer service as "a potent spiritual force". There is material evidence to prove that this is so, for in the past twenty years, the increase in financial returns has been ten-fold. This money is spent on spreading the Gospel of Christ through the printed word.

We are strengthened and inspired when we realize that in all parts of the Christian world women, girls and children, are bowing before their Lord and Master, framing their thanksgiving, their petitions in words exactly the same in content, though the sound differs from country to country.

But that great moment of inspiration does not end with the World Day of Prayer service. It is continued every time a group of people, in Church, in Auxiliaries, in girls and children's groups, bow before God to ask His guidance and to pray for peace. It is continued as we enter into our closet and 'when we shut the door and pray to our Father in secret'.

Jesus told his disciples how to pray. He told them what to expect from prayer. He said: 'If we have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this . . . but if also ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.' (Matt. 21:21).

A great barrier of time and space, of race and tongue, of denominational adherence is overcome when we pray together on the first Friday in Lent. Protestant women are one, in petition to the Father of us all. If these walls can crumble on one day in the year it is not for us to build them again by our attitudes and actions during the rest of the year. If we pray in the words of our African sisters on February 20th we must not forget them as we pray daily, weekly, monthly, individually and corporately. There are many mountains of misunderstanding and despair in the way of a peaceful Christian way of life today. *We have Power to remove them.*

African Christians issue a call to worship and prayer.

The hour of worship is near
Go to the river and bathe.
Prepare your bodies, prepare
your hearts.
Come, Let us worship the Lord.

They call their people in time for them to prepare themselves for prayer. If our prayer is backed by faith, if it is more than a series of words uttered audibly or silently, we must prepare to ask and to receive the gift that God gives.

The Women's Day of Prayer will take place at the beginning of Lent – but all through the year, this and every year, we as individuals and as Auxiliaries can perform the will of God through prayer – making our prayers such that they become a potent power for peace and goodwill.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, again we beseech Thee to hear us when we pray. Our sins and shortcomings far out-weigh our worthiness but we claim the promise that if we are truly penitent Thou wilt cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

As members of Thy Church and of a Women's Missionary Society grant us greater ability in Thy service, and increased efficiency in carrying out the duties and responsibilities that are entrusted to us. Where we are wrong, correct us; where we are confused, enlighten us; where we are timid, strengthen us; where we are hurried and anxious give us patience and happiness and 'forgive our foolish ways'.

As we participate in the observance of the World Day of Prayer, wilt Thou in Thine infinite love and wisdom draw Christian people of every land nearer to Thee, and therefore closer together so that every day may be a world day of prayer. As we pray for others may a blessing reflect on ourselves. Set Thy seal upon all faithful hearts and bring peace to their souls that they may know that spiritual security which is the world's great need. Prosper the work of those who strive in their own lives to interpret the love of our Lord and Saviour to those who have not yet accepted Him.

'And help us this, and every day
To live more nearly as we pray'.

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

National Missions — News Items

Miss Winnifred Ripley, who has been serving in the Rocky Mountain House area, Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta, has been transferred to Sudbury, Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay. Miss Ripley will begin her new duties on January 15th.

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Mrs. Yee Seto has been appointed Assistant in the Chinese work, Toronto, her duties to commence in January. Plans are being hade to have Mrs. Seto visit our Chinese groups in Sudbury and Windsor.

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Miss Grace Lee of the Chinese Mission, Victoria, who has been on furlough, returns to her duties the beginning of February.

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We are pleased to report that the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. E. Andrews have consented to continue as Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario for the remainder of the school year. Although Mr. and Mrs. Andrews assumed their duties on very short notice they quickly adapted themselves to the work and progress is being made.

Miss Winnifred Ripley

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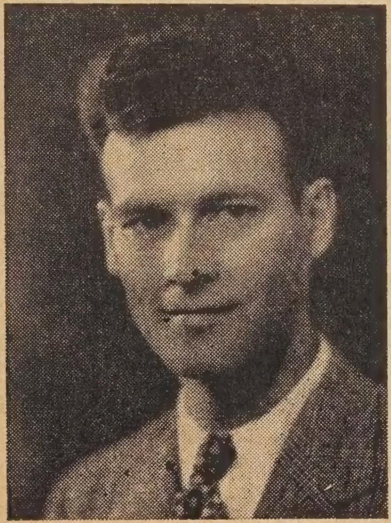
Miss Marjorie MacKay after spending her holiday in January in Toronto, will do deputation work for a few weeks before returning to the Peace River Presbytery.

—F. E. M.



Rev. J. C. E. Andrews

Mrs. J. C. E. Andrews

OVERSEAS NEWS FLASHES

Miss Dorothy Douglas

Miss Dorothy Douglas will spend the first part of the year in British Columbia on deputation. In July Miss Douglas goes to New York for a refresher course at Union Seminary.

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Miss Helen Bricker

Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary, won her way into the hearts of our people in Taiwan where she spent the better part of a month. Miss Bricker is in India at present and will spend some time on the Bhil field and on the Jhansi field.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

Miss Margaret Kennedy leaves on furlough in April and will spend the summer in Britain, taking a refresher course at Carey Hall, Selly Oak.

Miss Bricker with Miss Hazel Macdonald and Dr. Tan. Dr. Tan is a medical scientist. He has recently discovered a means of removing poison from a bean, commonly grown in Formosa.

similar discussions, viz., that when entered upon in a spirit of obedience to our common Lord, a rich experience of unity emerges even across our divisions. It is the same experience as that to which you testify as arising in other modes of co-operation.

It is a fallacy to assume that theological enquiry is necessarily divisive. Any informed Presbyterian knows, for example, that we have been compelled to re-think our doctrines of Predestination and Election, in a way that has considerably closed what used to be a major gap between us and other churches.

Perhaps it cannot be said too often, in view of frequent misrepresentation, that the World Council of Churches — and that means *we and the other Churches* meeting in council — have officially declared that the Council exists "not to negotiate unions between Churches . . . but to bring the Churches into living contact with each other and to promote the study and discussion of the issues of Church unity". To evade these issues is to evade the call of Christ Himself. I profoundly agree with you that it is He Whom we are meeting in the ecumenical movement, as experience has shown, and we dare not turn away from the claim that He makes upon us there. It is He Who refuses to accept disunity among His followers.

Ever yours sincerely,
DAVID W. HAY.

"They Also Serve"

Who are these folk that "also serve?"
Where do they wait to learn the Master's will?
Not in the crowded street or busy mart,
But in some quiet by-path, standing still.

Not always have they thus been set aside,
In other days they toiled and bore the heat;
But, maybe, in their zeal there was a flaw,
And God thought fit to stay the running feet.

Their lives were emptied, ready to be filled
With grace and wisdom from the Master's hand;
That He, through them, might work His purpose out,
Though, here and now, they may not understand.

The Master needs some vessels for His use,
Other than those who preach and teach His Word;
Some little lights to shine in corners dark,
And "also serve" by "lifting up" their Lord.

EMILIE M. BENNET, *in British Weekly.*

Notes from Miss Hazel Macdonald's Record of Activity In Formosa

These excerpts from letters home have been prepared by Miss Flora Macdonald

WE were at Tamsui for a reception for all four of us at the church. Miss Taylor looked lovely in a light black and white dress that she made herself. We each had to say a few words and I refrained from mentioning Ethiopia but later they asked me to tell them something about the Ethiopians. They were quite interested."

"The church right across the street asked me to come over and meet with some of the young people. I did and we had about twenty out and I said I would use them as a model, have leadership training each week and they should put it into practice before the next meeting. One of the older men talked as long as I did only against it. Fortunately I had stopped to talk with some of the boys who were playing tennis in the afternoon and I had three good sets with them when they asked me to play. Two of them were at the meeting and the young people decided to do what I wanted. Half of them are already teaching in Sunday School and the other half said I could put them to work.

I have taken devotions for Miss Hermanson's women who have been meeting at the house, a different group each time. It gives me a chance to meet them.

We go to the East Coast next Monday."

"I went with Miss Hermanson to Gelan and Lo-tong and spoke at

— Dickson

The young people from the hills are eager to learn.

her meetings as well as two of my own. The result was I started right in on Leadership Training with anyone who was willing to study and work. There are three places as 'Dakway' asked me to come there because they couldn't get into Gelan and get back the same night.

We leave here at 8 a.m. and last week we were met at Dakway about 11.30 a.m. We went to a relative of the minister and after taking off our shoes, as they live in a Japanese house with ta-ta-me floors, we sat for a little. . . . We had a Taiwanese lunch and it was good. They have delicious fish and fortunately I like rice. I use the chopsticks without too much difficulty but I haven't learned yet to draw in my breath and whish with the sticks at the same time in order to get the last bite by force and wind.

After lunch we went to the church for a 2 p.m. meeting. There were quite a few men, women and children. I gave them the first lecture on the need for child study, had them come up and look at the books, talked about their Sunday School and since it was almost four, thought to call it a day, but they sat down. They wanted a Bible study. We had planned to have an English study but they decided they all wanted to stay and that it should be interpreted. We were there until five. Home for supper and caught the bus and reached Gelan at 7.15 p.m.

We started at Gelan at 7.30 p.m. and went on until past 10.00 p.m. Except for the study lecture it was entirely different. They wanted

A church in the hills. "The church was filled with all ages of men and women."

some English hymns. Fortunately Mrs. Mar can sing and lead. Then we had a Bible study in English and although most of them did not understand, they stayed. We took the 10.45 train to Lo-tong and were we ever glad that Miss Hermanson had the beds all made. We sleep in the church tower up the usual almost straight stairs.

The next morning it was raining and the pastor who had arranged for the Aborigines from a neighbouring mountain had them come for 10.00 a.m.

They came and were soaked as they had no raincoats or umbrellas. A number of them had their babies on their backs. I gave the devotions which Pastor Tan interpreted into Japanese. Miss Hermanson spoke and the local doctor came over and they gave out medicines for malaria, etc. I was so astonished when one of the women came over to me and gave me a hand-woven piece that can be used for a belt.

In the afternoon Miss Hermanson had a meeting — forty-five minutes by bus and I went along. It was supposed to be for the women, right at the foot of the mountains but the church was filled, again with all ages, men and women. I gave the devotions, Miss Hermanson translated into Taiwanese and then the minister gave it in Mandarin and Japanese.

I will have to spend some time preparing devotions because some of these people have never heard the Gospel before. Miss Hermanson had to revamp her talk, too, because the men stayed.

The people come many miles in all kinds of weather to hear the Gospel.

In the evening at Lo-tong we started at 7.15 p.m. and went through until ten. Again it was different. One minister brought eight young people with him. He and one other person had been handling the Sunday School. They all said they would help and be willing to get the Sunday School organized. I am trying to give them child study, Bible study and organization. Anyway over seventy people are taking the lessons and have paid for their copies. I give them a lesson mimeographed in English and in Mandarin each week.

We get back at noon and by the way, the train ride along the seacoast gives me an almost irrestible desire to get off the train and park myself on the rocky shore. It really is a beautiful sight.

Thursday afternoon I have a class with the girls from the Seminary. Thursday night another teacher training class at Soren church."

A Wedding in Japan

Mr. Wenchi Kim writes of his wedding which took place several months ago

I HAVE to say thanks to the members of W.M.S. Executive for congratulation on my wedding. We had wedding service on 16th of October because our General Assembly was held 14 and 15 of October and ministers asked me to have wedding following day of the General Assembly.

We were so happy to have telegrams, congratulatory addresses and presents from many people. Three hundred people attended to our wedding service. We were so glad to have loves from so many people. My wife, Kizu, and I prayed to God that we have to remember these loves and must work well for Christ.

When my wedding was over we went to honeymoon town sixty miles away from Osaka. We stayed there four days. I thought that so many people came to congratulate us because I am a minister, they are expecting our work for Christ in this dark days for God. We have great responsibility to preach the Gospel.

Then I was thinking of that I was educated in Canada. If I was not educated in Canada I could not have so big gathering. Everybody said that it is unusual big gathering. Again I have to say thanks to you, Dr. Munro and all members of the Women's Missionary Society and Presbyterian peo-

Reverend Wenchi and Mrs. Kim with the choir of their church.

ple. I remember your kindness always above all through special occasions.

I was appointed a chairman of the Young People's board, secretary of the Bible School. I am teaching them the epistles of John. I was elected an assistant clerk of our Presbytery.

Our Church work is going well. Mr. and Mrs. Powell preached at our church. We had good time with them, our people like them very much. They are staying in Tokyo to study the Korean language. Miss Bricker came to my church and we had a young people's rally in my church. The young people came from all churches in our Presbytery. She spoke about young people's work today, and we saw a picture of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Slides too, that made me homesick for Canada. However, we had a very good time.

Correction in Story of the Church of the Lepers

DR. GUSHUE-TAYLOR has written to say that thirteen years ago out of funds collected by him throughout the world for leprosy work in Formosa he gave the superintendent of the Government Leprosarium in Formosa Yen 5,500 (about $1,500) to build a church for the patients. After this was forbidden as described by Mrs. Dickson (*Glad Tidings,* Dec. 1952), the money was returned to him, and later Dr. Gushue-Taylor gave this to the Mission to Lepers, London, to be kept in trust. This year the Mission to Lepers returned this money £700 via Hong Kong to Mrs. Dickson for the building. As the time was short and the need urgent, no request was made to the Mission for a grant, and we have no doubt that had time been less urgent and the need presented, the Mission to Lepers, London, would have been happy to help with a money grant for this most needy church building. Everyone will be glad to know that from many sources including The Presbyterian Church in Canada, men and women's sections, funds were sufficient to complete the church free of debt.

Mrs. Simpson

Word has just been received of the death of Miss Lily Simpson's mother. Mrs. Simpson has been ill for some time and Miss Simpson was granted leave of absence that she might come home and nurse her mother. Our hearts go out to Miss Simpson in her bereavement. We are all thankful that it was possible for her to spend the last months with her mother.

Wanted — African Writers

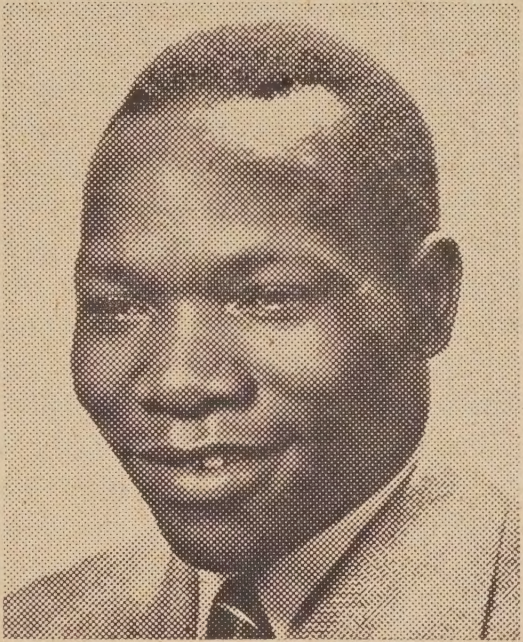
by G. R. KATONGOLE

The author, Mr. G. R. Katongole, is presently studying in Syracuse — he tells you about himself: "I came to America just over a year ago on a scholarship awarded by The National Council of Churches in this country, to study Journalism — majoring in Religious Journalism. In this course we particularly specialize in methods of production of literature for new literates.

"My previous work in Africa included teaching from 1945 to 1947; and from 1947 to 1951 I was Editor of the Anglican Church magazine, *Ebifa.*

"Uganda, the country where I come from, is a British Protectorate, in East-Central Africa."

You will read of Mr. Katongole in chapter five of our study, *Africa, Contrasts And Conflicts.*



WE are becoming increasingly conscious in Africa of lack of adequate reading material written in our languages. The majority of the population are still illiterate. For some time, it seemed as if there was no need to hurry and get excited about lack of books; there were not enough people to read them anyway.

The comparatively small section of Africans who have been to school, have access to a fair amount of English books — although few of these people ever bother to read any books at all. Such books naturally are imported chiefly from the West.

Even the small primers needed for use in Kindergarten and Primary schools, have so far been written by outsiders, especially missionaries, who have contributed much more to the African developmnet than anybody else.

The times, however, are changing fast. We find ourselves forced down the strong current of an atomic age, to which, we must make reasonable adjustment. Our population is expanding. Modern skills are in demand in order to make the growing population as self-supporting as possible with use of the abundant raw materials.

An adequate education machine is required to turn out the necessary manpower who will help effect a peaceful adjustment to a rapidly changing world.

As it was said before, the majority of the population are still illiterate. Luckily, many Africans realize that along with educating the young, efforts should be made towards the eradication of illiteracy among adults. Here again, the missionaries have led the crusade, which the government has recently joined.

All writing and translation was done chiefly by the missionaries, sometimes with the help of some Africans, especially those who were being employed by the Department of Education. African "writers" as such have virtually not existed. There seems to have been no grounding or field of study from which to draw inspiration for the birth of such writers.

In the meantime, literacy campaigns are busy getting new converts to literacy. Month by month year by year, numbers of men and women join the literate world.

The biggest question baffling us here is: What will these men and women read, let alone the educated section and the young generation being educated?

It is to try to supply the answer that we need people to take advanced Journalism courses, who in turn, along with doing some writing themselves, would help train others in their homelands for the job. The immensity of work that lies ahead is such that many hands must be found to take care of it.

Africa needs writers; as good writers as are found elsewhere. Writers that will reflect the real spirit of their people, and interpret them correctly to the world. Whether they write in English or in the vernacular, it is their spirit that the people for whom they will be writing, need. It will be more understandable and more inspiring.

We do realize, however, that good literature cannot be mass-produced like war-time goods. But if the training is of the right kind, it may be the much-needed answer.

We have ample signs of the times to make us realize we cannot overemphasize the need to make haste. The world is becoming smaller and smaller every year. There is hardly any uncivilized person who has not seen a plane or looked at books and magazines. Almost everybody in the world has at least some idea of what the rest of the world is like. It is not therefore surprising to hear today so much unrest all round the world.

We are beginning to realize that illiterate masses in the midst of the educated few, are a handicap to society; and Christianity may suffer when ill-informed masses fall prey to false promises from outside.

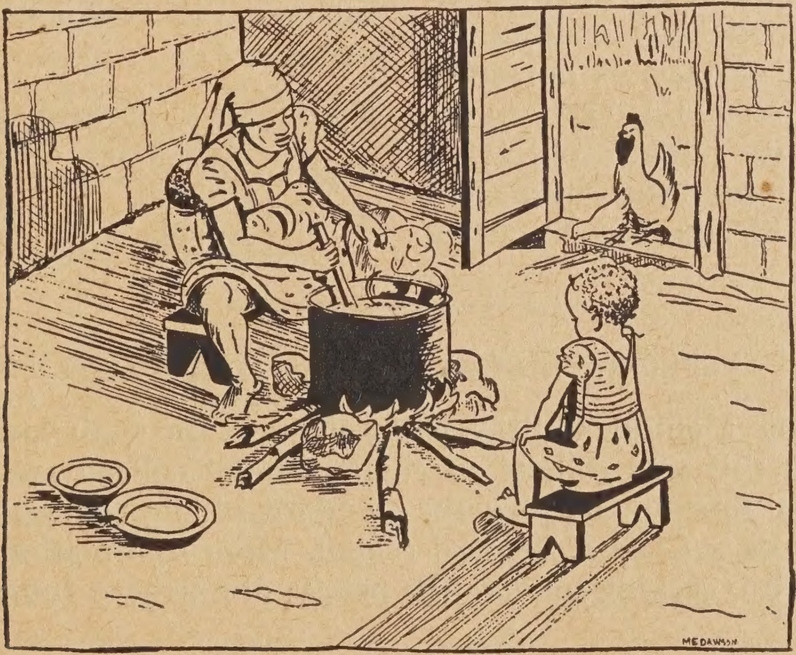
Africa needs a big spiritual, as well as a social revival, in which her writers will play a most important role. Her material progress through industrialization is at a terrific speed, and cannot be stayed because she must adjust herself to the rest of the world. But if this material progress far outstrips spiritual progress, there will be no healthy revival.

"Efelevelo"

by MARGARET DAWSON

THE Women's Day of Prayer is one of the highlights of the year for the women of Angola, Portuguese West Africa. Some walk many miles to attend this annual event. All over the countryside women dressed like Mother Melita in the picture, will wend their way to the place appointed for their district. Most of them will be carrying babies on their backs just as Mother Melita will be doing . . . for Baby Margarida must be kept near the source of food supply. Some little folks like Esanju (Joy) in the picture, will also go if there is someone to carry them. Others will stay home in the care of older brothers or sisters. During Mother's absence there will probably be lumps in the mush. And the relish will not be as tasty as the way Mother prepares it. But, Father and all the children who remain at home must be satisfied with this food until her return for Mother must not miss the Efelevelo Liaki – the Women's Day of Prayer – which translated literally is the Women's Day of Waiting for Spiritual Food.

The title of the original oil painting from which this sketch was made is "Efelevelo" (Waiting for one's food). In the picture you see little Esanju (Joy) waiting for her breakfast of cornmeal, mush, and greens. Mother Melita is busy adding the corn flour to stiffen the gruel which has just



begun to boil. Little Esanju is awaiting her plateful. She has already been sitting there for some time and she must still wait a little longer. She is eager but not impatient. She knows that she will receive her portion, that Mother will not fail her. In good time she will partake of the first meal of the day and be strengthened physically for the work and play ahead.

In this busy life of ours do we know what it means to "felevela" (wait for one's food)? How many of us even take time to partake of a good breakfast? Do we really think that a cup of coffee is enough to sustain us for the morning? We have been in restaurants "oku felevela" waiting in long lines for our food but how many of us in these line-ups wait patiently?

In the spiritual realm do we "felevela" at all? How many of us really begin the day waiting expectantly to partake of our spiritual food? Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." "I am the Bread of Life." And the Psalmist says, "Be still and know that I am God." We cannot become "filled" with the spirit until we hunger and thirst for righteousness, until we are "still". And it takes time to be "still" and quiet before our Lord.

Perhaps in years gone past the Day of Prayer may have been just another meeting in this busy life of ours. But, this year, 1953, may it be a real "efelevelo" so that when we leave the meeting we will go back to our homes with a new strength in our hearts and a new light in our faces.

And then, may each day have its time of "efelevelo" when we will be still and wait patiently until our Heavenly Father gives us of His Grace for our daily needs.

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Efelevelo is pronounced e-fay-le-vay-lo.

Note — Miss Margaret Dawson is a missionary of the United Church of Canada in Angola.

Ludhiana Medical College Anniversary

Ludhiana Medical College will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding this year. Those in charge of the college are taking this occasion as a time to improve the standard of the courses so that the college may be a Class A medical school. More information about this college, which is seeking to serve the people of northern India, will come to us later.

Canadian Laymen Study Christian Witness In Daily Work

THE Department of Social Relations, the Canadian Council of Churches, sponsored a lay conference in London, Ontario, to discuss the problem: A Christian and His Daily Work. This was a follow-up of a similar conference held in Buffalo a year ago, when laymen from the North American continent gathered to study this question. The Buffalo conference, in turn, was held as a result of action taken at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948, when the importance of the witness of the Christian layman was recognized and plans were initiated to further that witness in North America.

These statistics are an essential background to a very important movement which is active throughout the Christian world. In Europe lay people by the thousands are meeting regularly to talk together about the problem of living and working today as Christians. In Buffalo it was hundreds, in London the gathering was numbered by tens who met for the same purpose.

A Christian layman is one who acknowledges the Christian faith and who serves the Church, voluntarily, as a result of his convictions. He (and she) comes from every walk of life. Rich or poor, financier or farmer, a lawyer or a labourer, it matters not — he is a Christian and it is under this unifying name that he and his fellow laymen talk together to try to find ways in which we may better live our faith in our daily life.

The discussion method was used at these conferences. In two types of groups — general, and occupational, the meaning of Christian vocation was defined.

In one general group we attempted to find how we may best communicate our Christian faith to those with whom we work and live every day. Ministers and professional Church workers — and even some lay people are accused of having a "jargon", a manner of talking about the Church, its teachings, its activities, in a language which those who have not been brought up in a Christian atmosphere cannot understand, and which at times is hardly understandable by the Christian himself. It was generally concluded, that our manner of living was the best means of communication. If we agree on Sunday that we must love our neighbour we must, on Monday try to serve our fellow man whether he be on the work bench beside us, the client who is dependent upon our integrity to help him out of trouble, the woman across the street whose children are a constant nuisance, the customer who is paying for full measure. It is not a new thought that is being discussed, it is the way of living given to us by the Master Himself.

It is not new, but it is surprising how far some of us can get from the actual carrying out of Christ's command to love our neighbour. One lad felt that there were times when we had to compromise our activities — when we had to do things that were wrong in order to become a part of a group, in order to win confidence. Have you ever thought that? What would your answer be?

The occupational groups were made up of people whose daily work had similar problems and interests. We found ourselves in the education group. There the problem of presenting Christian truth to children by means of curriculum and by Christian methods and Christian example was discussed. Modern educational systems demand that students move quickly through school. The teacher is faced with the question of what is right for Johnny — to frustrate him by allowing him to go on unprepared for senior study, or by holding him back until he is ready. The question of teaching religion in state schools was one which called forth much reaction. The fact that anti-Christian teaching is being given in Canadian universities was faced.

Problems and questions were raised. Facts were faced, at the London conference. To say that an answer was found for any problems would be hardly speaking the truth except that we recognized that as Christians we had much to learn in the art of living daily the faith that we proclaim. In the services of worship Dr. Owen of Trinity College, Toronto, pointed out the way of a Christian. . . . "(He) must walk a middle road. It is a straight and narrow path, for he must not fall off on the one side and be too worldly, or on the other and be too "other-worldly."

The path of a Christian may be narrow. He must walk it using all his God-given skills, but he must also walk it with a mind tuned to see the beauty of life, ready to give the rich, extravagant gift of love to all whom he meets. He must have 'Martha hands and a Mary mind', but he knows that walking beside him is the Master Himself.

Thus old truths were discussed and applied to the world we know today at the London Conference on The Christian and His Daily Work. The Canadian Council of Churches plans to hold more of such gatherings across the country. It could be that you would share in one. If you do, you can be prepared for an experience in self-examination and renewal of purpose in Christian living and in Christian service.

— *M. E. W.*

"Lighten The Darkness"

FROM Africa, once known as the "Dark Continent", appropriately comes the suggestions for the service of worship for 1953, for the Women's Day of Prayer. The original service which was prepared through the co-operation of African Christians, has the theme "Walk as Children of Light". We have had the privilege of seeing many of the dark-skinned people of Africa doing just that.

It is gratifying to know that this inspired effort "The Women's World Day of Prayer" is increasing in its scope, influence and practical results. It would be interesting to know just how attendances the world over have increased during past years. We do know, however, that in Canada, the offerings received by the Women's Inter-Church Council in Toronto, which guides the organization of the "Day", increased by over $5,000 in 1952, and the 1951 total was an increase of over $3,000 on the previous year. The allocations which have been made will be printed on the back of the service for the coming Day of Prayer and will indicate something of the great tide of Christian reading matter which will flow out from these offerings, bringing Christian thinking and Christian light to the minds and hearts of many the world over.

This practical result is no mean achievement, and the imagination can be quickened as one thinks of the extra Bibles and Christian literature which will be distributed in Japan and Korea, in India and Pakistan, and in the South American countries as well as our own country of Canada.

Then there are the many specialized sections of Christian literature which are able to operate because of the help afforded by these funds, as for instance, Christian literature for Moslems, Christian approach to the Jews, the non-English literature in Canada for new Canadians, to mention only a few.

But even this splendid work is not the only good results of this Women's World Day of Prayer. Unity of spirit of the Christian women of the world, oneness of purpose, irrespective of denominations, and the rubbing out of racial boundaries, these are surely the great ideals for which the world is groping in its darkness and gloom. Here and there, a gleam of brightness pierces the gloom as shafts of light are evidenced in the increasing crowd of women who are awakening to the need and value of prayer.

We have been reminded how black is the darkness in some parts of the world, by reading a heart-moving account of some of the gigantic obstacles obstructing the Christian Church in general, and Christians in particular in that vast land of China. In a letter from a missionary worker in the East, we read "Few missionaries have come from the other side who have not been either in prison or accused or forced to make a 'confession' and 'apology'." Not only are "mass arrests and mass executions" affecting many but the subtle way native Christians are indoctrinated is indeed alarming. For instance, the "Three-self movement", which in itself may be a good thing, (self-support, self-government, and self-propagation), is diabolically intertwined with racial, class and religious hatred. The sugar-coated pill is swallowed and its deadly work begins almost before the innocent participant knows what is happening. Our chief power against such machinations of the evil one is prayer, and it is the women of the world who must pray. What if they fail? We believe in the inherent goodness of the human heart, and know they will not fail.

The help of all Christian women is needed in publicizing the purpose and arrangements for the Women's World Day of Prayer in each community, and thus extending the pleasure, privilege and power available in this great event.

In conclusion, we might join immediately in one of the prayer songs suggested by the African Christians —

"Spirit of truth and love,
Life giving holy dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move o'er the waters face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!"

Prepared by *LIEUT. COL. ANNIE FAIRHURST,*
National Home League
Secretary, Salvation Army.

BROADCAST

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

TIME — 4:30 TO 4:45 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Stations — C.B.L. and The Trans-Canada Net Work
Please Check Your Local Station

EAST — Scripture Reading — Lady Outerbridge, wife of the Lieut. Governor, Newfoundland.

CENTRE — Prayer — Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, Toronto, Ont.

WEST — Address — Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes, Calgary, Alta. Former President of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

A LENDING LIBRARY

By Hildur K. Hermanson

MISS MACDONALD and I have been going over to the Gi-lan plain each week, she for classes in Leadership Training in three centres, and I to teach hygiene and health in the home, in each one of the churches on the plain. Among the many needs on this plain (over three hours by Express train in from Taipei), we found the need for books most urgent. Each week we carried with us books from the Christian Book Room in Taipei and these were eagerly bought. The few book stores on that side have a very poor selection.

Mrs. Armstrong of our Taipei book room and I discussed the possibility of setting up a Lending Library and Reading Room. We talked it over with the minister and members of his congregation in Lo-tong where Miss Macdonald and her interpreter and I stay when on the plain (we sleep up in the church tower and are quite comfortable). We found them all anxious to have a library and willing to undertake the responsibility of caring for such a project. Then we brought the idea before the Mission Council and they voted that the remainder of the Christian Literature Fund could be used for this purpose, (about $100.00).

The project was started at once. The minister, assisted by Mrs. Armstrong and others chose over a hundred books at once, leaving the remainder to be chosen when new books are available.

Miss Hermanson

The joy of the congregation was a great satisfaction to us all. Many of them offered to help list the books and one woman said, "I have so many children (five small ones) that I can do very little". However, we found her covering the paper-bound books with cellophane, the youngest child strapped to her back! She worked several evenings doing this work. (Mr. deGroot kindly offered to come over to help them list and tabulate the books and advise them on a simple system.) A committee was set up (members of the congregation) to take turns caring for the books on "lending" days. One member offered to cut and prepare the little pocket for each book and another had the cards printed.

This library will serve a large community as members of other churches nearby, in all six villages, will be allowed to use it also. A small "membership" fee will be charged and more books will be purchased with these receipts.

A member of the congregation donated a bookcase to hold the books and the downstairs part of the church tower will be the library.

Some very valuable books, such as a Bible Commentary and a Concordance will not be lent out, but can be used at a reading table in the library. We hope to be able to provide a few magazines for this reading shelf.

The news of the granting of their request for a library reached the Lo-tong congregation at their Friday night prayer meeting and they wrote me at once to say "the prayer meeting was turned into a thanksgiving meeting, thanking God for His wonderful provision for their needs."

From the Editor's Diary

This Side Of The Iron Curtain in Europe

When Mr. Philippe Maury, Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, was in Toronto a month or so ago, besides reporting on the work of the Student Christian Movement, he spoke to students and other interested people about the Europe he knows today. (Mr. Maury's report on Student work in South America was told by Miss Louise Reith in the November issue of *The Glad Tidings.*)

Mr. Maury showed us a Europe which was in a great turmoil of mind and heart. He begged our understanding and sympathy with his own homeland, France, and with all of free Europe as the people seek to overcome their crisis in human suffering, and to defend their civilization. The young S.C.M. secretary told us that as Christians it was not possible for us to be neutral in any crisis. So as the Protestant Church in Europe seeks to direct the hearts of men to a rebirth of their faith, we must needs pray that the efforts may be blessed by God. As the Church seeks to go outside the institutional life it has built up, as it seeks to live and work with people where they are in order to teach that God can be at every point of every man's life, our sympathy and prayers can give great strength to our brothers and sisters fighting to keep free Europe outside the iron curtain.

The Dedication of the Book

Many of us were witnesses at a service which history may look back upon as one of tremendous significance in the world's struggle for peace and for freedom. In the United States and Canada there were thousands of services of thanksgiving and dedication upon the completion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. You undoubtedly attended one of these services.

We are reminded as we think of this revised version of the Bible of the sacrifice in human life, of the gift of human skills which have made the Bible possible for us in its present form in this twentieth century. The speaker at the service we attended expressed the hope that with the dedication of a revised version of the Bible, America would be challenged to study the Bible and make it a text book for living — indeed that it might be said of America as was said of England in the days of the great translators — the people are "a people of a Book".

The speaker said further that we which were gathered at that meeting were "facing a rendezvous with destiny". It was easy to believe that such was true as we saw Bibles being given to the Premier of the province, to an Alderman of the city, to the President of the University, to the Public Library, to the Board of Education. All recipients pledged that the Bibles would be used in the offices which they represented.

We have a part to play — if the members of this nation are to be "a people of The Book".

Presbyterians in Ecumenical Circles

It was a pleasure and privilege for me to attend the Canadian Council of Churches meeting which accepted the Canadian Overseas Missions Council as a Department of Overseas Missions. The whole move seemed like a right and proper step forward to a goal of close co-operation in the work of the Protestant Church. You would be proud that Presbyterian representatives played an important part at this historic meeting. Dr. William Barclay, a past Moderator of our Church, was presiding and conducted the brief welcoming service. (Dr. Barclay's term of office as President of the Canadian Council of Churches has since expired). Miss Laura K. Pelton is the chairman of the new department.

The report of the Women's Inter-Church Council was given at this meeting. Its chairman is Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Vice-President and chairman of the Editorial Committee in our Society.

The meeting opened with a hymn and with prayer. Reverend Richard Stewart of New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, led in prayer. Miss Frieda E. Mathews was the pianist for the whole annual meeting of The Canadian Council of Churches.

Foreign Students - An Opportunity and a Challenge

by JANET CUNNINGHAM COATES

CHURCH boards have for many years been bringing a limited number of students for study in Canada. Most of these have been selected because of their Christian commitment, and the promise they offer for Christian leadership in their own country. Their contacts here are very directly with church people, which should pre-suppose a certain amount of tolerance and understanding on both sides. Even with the utmost help, however, it is difficult to adjust to a new environment, strange food, strange customs, new climate, currency, etc., and to do all one's studying in a strange language wherein common words like "yes" and "no" often cause the worst confusion. In order to safeguard their health and their study time, speaking engagements for these students must be limited. They are often perplexed, however, as to how to maintain a proper balance between what they must get from books and what they must get from people. One of our church students writes: "My life here is all right on the whole. But sometimes I feel a kind of trouble in the social life, meaning all kinds of gatherings in which the students are expected to participate, because I just want to save the time to study. Am I selfish? Social contact is very important and will be more important than reading books in the sense of giving people what books do not give. But it's very very difficult for me to make a right measure without missing what I should get."

Another quotation: —

"For a person who has come from an entirely different background, it was unquestionably a strenuous life to adjust to the always exciting people and life. Often I missed the familiar mother tongue, the well-seasoned food and the quiet corner of home. Even for a few hours a day I wished I could be by myself. It was noticeable in the social life of Canada that there was little understanding of the time it takes an Oriental student to adjust to a new pattern of living. The love which did not always appreciate my reluctance to take part wholeheartedly in all of the social events to which I was invited, has increased in understanding, until I have become free and comfortable in Canada and life has become easy and interesting."

The church students are a small group and carefully cared for. For a number of years, however, many people have been increasingly concerned about the whole group of overseas students in our country and about three years ago, there was organized a National Committee called Friendly Relations with Overseas Students and corresponding roughly to a committee which has existed in the United States for about 45 years. The church boards are giving grants to the work of this Committee and, because of the importance of the work, are being asked to increase their contributions. In Canada, the largest groups of overseas students are located in two centres, Toronto and Montreal.

In spite of international tensions and shrinking dollars, these students come in ever-increasing numbers, and what is to be the outcome? Often we show them only the superficial aspects of our Society and they make the generalization that Canadians are concerned only with acquiring the newest make of car, the most modern type of house, and the greatest amount of electrical equipment that can be placed in it.

"The Listener" of September 21, 1950, published a remarkable broadcast, "Needed and Resented", by Prof. James Welch of the University College of Ibadan, Nigeria. In it, he asks: "Is there a way of life, a philosophy, which is essentially personalist, giving primacy of importance to human persons, and at the same time, free from racial and colour conflict and prejudice? . . . If we meet Africans in this country (England) and most of us have the chance, if we will take it, for there are 12,000 of them here — let us be aware of them and be aware of their difficulties, strangers in a very strange country, who will often get a raw deal and meet much rudeness and worse: avoid like the plague any 'being kind', or any patronizing: meet them, if we can (which means not being offended if they rebuff us) on terms of ordinary equality, remembering that they are, in the proper sense of the word, 'foreigners', like Danes or French for example, and with their own language and their own culture. They are not black copies of us. They are Africans and proud of it. And most of them who are students are more intelligent than most of us. And if we are willing, we shall learn a lot from them."

Fortunately, some of these leaders of the future have received favourable impressions. In this group might be cited Charles Malik of Lebanon, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission.

The most common expression of concern for these students in our midst is home hospitality. The following statement regarding home hospitality has been prepared by Mrs. Riddell, in consultation with a group of overseas students in Toronto:

"This is most satisfactory when it follows naturally from personal contact made at tea or in the office or at a party. The student likes best to be discovered and invited for himself without the intervention of a middleman. When it has to be arranged by the office or a Committee member as a blind date, some preparation of both hostess and guest should be attempted — some matching of temperament and tastes. Isolated and sudden invitations to dinner with no follow up are worse than useless and create a feeling of insecurity and lack of acceptance. Continuing hospitality is the only desirable kind. Every student must be made to feel not only that he is accepted once but that he *belongs.* He becomes part of the family."

Last Christmas the Toronto Committee arranged hospitality for about 70 students from overseas. Several have indicated that they were invited back within two weeks and that they felt the friendship was meaningful and genuine.

I close with an honest and thoughtful analysis written by one of our own Church students with no thought of it being given publicity:

"First of all I was impressed by Canadians' kindness and sympathetic understanding to the foreign students. I had worried greatly about whether I could adjust myself to western people, who are quite different from eastern people in their thinking and customs. I grew up in a non-Christian home and had no acquaintance with missionaries and western people. But I haven't had any difficulties living or studying with them because they could understand me so well before I could understand them.

"Then I have been impressed by the fact that Canadian people live in a very comfortable economic scale. When I had my first meal here I felt a keen anguish because I remembered that my own people sometimes have to live without a meal for two or three days. At times I think Canadians are wasteful.

"Canadians seems to be constantly concerned with activities such as meetings and social gatherings. Since quietness is important to me, it seems they talk too much. Even in the church they have no time to hear the voice of God through quiet meditation.

"It is very strange to me that Canadians can openly express their emotions. I was educated, according to the eastern manner, to keep always a calm attitude, overcoming sorrow, anguish, happiness and gladness. Perhaps this different viewpoint about emotional expression makes for misunderstanding between western and eastern people. As yet, I feel I have not seen the deep inner souls of Canadians, so my impressions may be just superficial observation."

"If a man love not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen."

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kootenay Presbyterial — C.G.I.T., St. Stephen's Creston. Leader, Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Box 255, Creston.

Westminster Presbyterial — C.G.I.T., Fairview Church, Vancouver. Leader, Miss Margaret Mackay, 2597 W. 1st Avenue, Vancouver.

Mission Band, Buchanan Church, Vancouver. Leader, Mrs. R. S. Stevens, 1137 Pacific St., Vancouver.

Explorer Group, Buchanan Church, Vancouver. Leader, Mrs. R. S. Stevens, 1137 Pacific St., Vancouver.

Explorer Group, **Whitehorse, Yukon Territories.** Leader, Mrs. A. A. Rattray, Box 484.

Manitoba

Superior Presbyterial — Mission Band, Fort Frances. Leader, Rev. S. and Mrs. Lookman, The Manse, Fort Frances.

Explorer Group, Fort Frances. Leader, Mrs. E. Mack, 504 Nelson St.

Mission Band, Port Arthur, Gresley Park. Leader, Mrs. V. Melville, 333 Leslie Ave., Port Arthur.

Explorer Group, Fort William, First Church. Leader, Miss K. McDougall, 183 E. Brock St., West Fort William.

Hamilton and London

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial — Mission Band, Geneva Church, Chesley. Leader, Mrs. Wm. Stuck, Box 101, Chesley.

Mission Band, Elsinore. Leaders, Mrs. George Atkins, Southampton, Mrs. I. Fenwick, R.R. 1, Allenford, Mrs. H. Trask, R.R. 1, Allenford.

Hamilton Presbyterial — Explorer Group, St. Cuthbert's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Mrs. O. R. Farnan, 186 Paradise Rd. N., Hamilton.

Explorer Group, New Westminster Church, Hamilton. Leader, Mrs. N. Anderson, 959 Main St. E., Hamilton.

Huron Presbyterial — Ida White Mission Band, Auburn. Leader, Mrs. F. O. McIlween, Auburn.

Maitland Presbyterial — Mission Band, Bluevale. Leaders, Mrs. Matthew Baillie, Mrs. Harold Mundall, Bluevale.

Niagara Presbyterial—Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Thorold. Leader, Mrs. George Wills, 24 Chappell St. N., Thorold.

Explorer Group, Knox Church, Fort Erie. Leader, Mrs. Kenneth Irwin, 14 Wintemute St., Fort Erie.

Explorer Group, Drummond Hill Church, Niagara Falls. Leader, Miss Helen Huggins, 2556 Corwin Cres., Niagara Falls.

Paris Presbyterial — Explorer Group, Alexandra Church, Brantford. Leader, Mrs. M. Macalpine, 169 Chatham St., Brantford.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Mission Band, Beechwood. Leader, Mrs. Robert Hopper, Parkhill.

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Changes in By-Laws

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed changes in By-Laws will be considered at the Council Meeting in London, Ontario, May 26th—May 30th, 1953.

Refer to "Constitution and By-Laws"

1. **Page 4 — Synodicals — 1.**
   The Synodical shall carry out the recommendations of the Council. It shall in every way endeavour to further the Society's work and promote the organization work within its bounds. It shall receive reports from all the **Presbyterials** within its bounds and from these shall be prepared a report which shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society **not later than February 20th.** The Synodical shall meet annually not later than April 30th at such place as may be determined.

2. **Page 5 — Synodicals — 6.**
   (cont'd. from page 4)
   To read — ". . . . . and to pass the Annual Reports in order that they may reach the Council Executive before February 20th."

3. **Page 5 — Presbyterials — 1.**
   The Presbyterials shall endeavour in every way to further the Society's work and promote the organization work within its bounds. It shall receive reports from all the organizations within its bounds and from these shall be prepared a report which shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical **not later than January 20th.** An abstract of this report shall be presented to the Presbytery. The Presbyterial shall meet annually, not later than February 28th, at such place as may be determined.

4. **Page 5 — Presbyterials — 5.**
   To read — ". . . . . in order that they may reach the Synodical Executive before **January 20th.**

5. **Pages 5 and 6 — Auxiliaries: Senior, Evening, Young Women's, Girls' Add:**
   5. The Annual meeting of the Auxiliary shall be held in order that the reports and names of newly elected officers may reach the Presbyterial Executive not later than December 31st.

Note: In Handbook for Officers in:

Synodicals — pages 5-6-7 and 8 — Sections IV-XV-XVI-XXI — where date March 1st appears **change to February 20th.**

Presbyterials — pages 9-10-11-12 — Sections XVII and XX — where date January 31st appears **change to January 20th.**

6. **Page 6—III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE — 2. Synodicals: — 2nd paragraph**
   Nominations shall come **from the Synodical Executive** and from the Presbyterial Executives, and must be received at least one month before the Annual Meeting.

7. **Page 6 and 7 — III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE — 3. Presbyterials — 2nd paragraph**
   The Committee shall receive nominations from the Presbyterial Executive and from each group within the Presbyterial, **and these must be received at least one month before the Annual Meeting.**

8. All elected Synodical officers, all elected Presbyterial officers (number of vice-presidents being limited to two and exclusive of members without portfolio) have voting privileges and are entitled to expenses, (including entertainment); from each Senior, Evening, Young Women's Auxiliary and affiliated group, one delegate with voting privileges, her expenses (including cost of entertainment), to be met by her own group.

N. B. Honorary Officers are not elected therefore not eligible.

African Women Leaders

In a recent copy of "Listen", we read of a young woman whose father is a judge in Lagos, Nigeria, going to London to complete her studies for a Doctor, because she wishes to return to fight the tetanus germ which kills so many Nigerians, and from which she herself almost died. We read, too, of Old Malia, the Congo woman, who made it her special business to take such good care of the teachers and preachers who came to her village that she came to be known as "The Mother of Teachers". Leah George, another African woman, was over forty when she decided to become a Nurse. For months she taught hygiene and treated the women in isolated villages, then travelled by slow stages to far-distant Uganda to take a Midwifery Course, only to discover that she first must learn to speak Luganda before she could understand a word of the lectures. This took three years, and then she journeyed back to a lonely settlement in Western Tanganyika, where she set up a maternity hospital and worked for ten years. Often women walked as far as twenty miles to have their babies under her care, and her wards were always crowded with cases of malaria and hookworm as well.

The first woman doctor in the Gold Coast was Dr. Susan Afari-Atta, who graduated in surgery from Edinburgh, to go back and work among her own people. Another brilliant young African woman, who practised law in Nigeria, took her bar examinations in London, and later became Supreme Court Commissioner and Magistrate of Lagos, capital city of Nigeria, where over 70,000 Africans and Europeans alike came under her jurisdiction.

Such instances could be multiplied many times, for there is no doubt that Africa's women are definitely on the march toward literacy, education and emancipation in all walks of life.

LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THE author of "Nyanga's Two Villages", Esma Rideout (Mrs. Newell S. Booth), has written another story of Africa which should be particularly interesting to teen-age young people. The name of the second book is CHAMA'S CHOICE.

For quite a number of years Mrs. Booth has lived in Africa where she has travelled widely. In addition to writing stories about Africa she has translated several children's textbooks into the Swahili and Luba languages of that land. She knows Africa and its children and the problems they have in these days of change.

Chama is an African boy, who like many a young African, has to try to resolve many conflicts between the old pagan ways and the Christian way. Chama had received some education in a Christian school and longed to go on to High School. He had to decide whether to go to work to earn money that he might have further education or to share the education he had with children in a village where there was no school. Chama chose the latter.

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to try to stand by your Christian faith against a village witch doctor who held all the villagers in fear of him? Chama, young in the faith, had to do just that. The story of his experiences is an exciting and interesting one.

As we read CHAMA'S CHOICE, Chama and his friends become very real people. We share their experiences and come to understand what being a Christian in Africa must mean to those who would truly follow Christ. The story gives to us an intimate and authentic picture of life in an African village.

CHAMA'S CHOICE is a good book to include in the library of any teen-age group or in any teen-ager's personal library. Its interest is not restricted to teen-age readers. We recommend CHAMA'S CHOICE to anyone who would like to read a good story about an African boy. Any who read it will learn a lot about Africa.

New Prices For W.M.S. Membership Pins

We would draw your attention to the new prices for W.M.S. Membership Pins quoted as follows: Life Membership, $4.00; Honorary, $6.00; Remodelling to Honorary, $4.00; Membership Pin, $1.25.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

An Open Letter from the Director of Organization

December 19, 1952

Dear W.M.S. Member:—

Someone said: "Wouldn't you like to write something for the *Glad Tidings?*—an open letter perhaps?—And this time I wanted to write; I wanted to report progress and ask for help.

It is two and a half months now (four months, by the time this letter reaches you) since I became Director of Organization. In so many ways it is good to be back on the staff of our Presbyterian Church once again. The four years since I previously came regularly to the offices at 100 Adelaide Street West have passed quickly — so quickly that the memories of the seven years when, as Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, it was my privilege to come to know so many of our Presbyterian people across the whole of Canada, are still fresh in my mind. Now, after four happy years on the staff of the Canadian Council of Churches, I come back to the work in my own Church with a new outlook. I am more than ever convinced that Presbyterian people have an important role to play in the Church of Jesus Christ, and convinced also that we must be ready to work with others in the task of presenting the message of Christianity to a troubled world.

Miss M. Webster

Presenting the message of Christ to a troubled world — that *is* our purpose in this work, isn't it? It seems to be so easy to become mixed in our motives — to forget our basic purpose. At times we want to do things for our own satisfaction — perhaps even for our own glory; or we become so involved in the detail that we forget the aim. Yet if we are to be faithful to the Master who redeemed and commissioned us, we must keep our purpose more clearly in mind.

It is in the light of Christ's call and commission that we are attempting to examine our organization during these months. Our Church — and our W.M.S. — have a great task to do. We want to be faithful in our support (both spiritual and material) of our workers in Canada and overseas and of the work which they are establishing for us. But not only must we be faithful to what has already been done; we must be ready to launch out into newer and greater endeavours. The need of the world is so great that we cannot be content with our past accomplishments. If we are to strengthen our missionary efforts abroad, we must strengthen our Society at home, so that it may be more ready to accept greater responsibility. To discover ways of strengthening our Society, we need to examine it carefully, to diagnose its weaknesses and deficiencies, and be ready to attempt new things — greater things. Such study, thought, and careful planning must be done in all parts of the Society — from the individual member, through the auxiliary, presbyterial, synodical and council.

Council has already made a beginning along this line. An organization department has been established — with a newly formed Organization Committee and a Director of Organization. Organization Age-Group Sub-Committees are in process of being formed — for senior work, youth work, girls' work and children's work. The children's, girls' and youth committees will be joint committees with the Board of Christian Education. People who are actively engaged in leadership in local churches are being asked to share in the work of these committees. They will meet monthly, and will make a careful study of the needs in the various departments, the methods for meeting these needs, and the way in which the department can go on to greater things.

The Senior Work Committee (dealing with Senior and Evening Auxiliaries) has already met twice. We have not made any momentous decisions yet — for we are still engaged in the process of study. There are some things that we have noted, and you will hear of them in due course.

One thing about which we are most anxious is that our membership be well informed about the missionary work of the Church. The importance of regular and continuous study (both individual and in auxiliaries) cannot be underestimated. Our Committee noted the fact that many auxiliaries begin their study year in January. This means that the study is broken in the middle for the summer vacation. Thus, the Senior Work Committee is recommending that all auxiliaries begin their study in September, completing it by the following June so that there will be continuity of study. This may mean for a number of auxiliaries careful planning, so that they may complete the present study of Africa by the coming June, and be ready to begin the study of the world mission of the Church in September.

But an examination of ways of strengthening the Society will be of no use if it stops with Council reorganization. It will be of use only if it extends to all parts of the Society. That is the reason I wanted to write to you for help. I would ask that you assist in this work which we are undertaking by examining your own share in the work of the Society — your purpose, the amount of your effort, and the effectiveness of your auxiliary and presbyterial. Is your purpose worthy of your effort? Is your effort worthy of the true purpose of our Society? Is your study — as a member and in your auxiliary — adequate? Have you tried to encourage new members to share with you?

These questions and others which are similar will need to be considered by each of us in the days ahead if we are to make progress. It will be good to know of the support — in interest, in cooperation, and in progress — of every member of the Society as we face the tasks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Webster

Are You Responsible for Programme Planning in Your Auxiliary ?

Watch the March GLAD TIDINGS for

— A service of worship for Easter

— Suggestions for your Easter Thank-Offering Meeting

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girl's Organization Department
Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary

Miss Bricker

At the moment of writing, our Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Bricker, is now in India where she has been attending a conference on Youth Work in Travancore. By the time you are reading this page, she will be leaving India on her return journey. You will have followed her travels and her experiences through her newsletter to you. Before returning to Canada she will have the privilege of visiting for a week in the Holy Land. Then she will return by way of Europe and the British Isles.

Christian Youth Week

February 1 to 7 is observed as Christian Youth Week in Canada. Sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches, it is designed to give congregations an opportunity to become better acquainted with the work being done among the boys and girls.

We hope that you and your group find in the observance of Christian Youth Week, not only a means of publicizing your group programme, but that you also find a happy fellowship within your congregation as members of your church family. Your interest and participation in the whole work of Christian Outreach which your congregation undertakes, is your share of the "family" responsibilities. We hope you have a happy Christian Youth Week.

This is C.G.I.T.

Part I of a new leader's book: *This is C.G.I.T.* came off the press late last year. Perhaps you already have a copy. The book is published by the National C.G.I.T. Committee and is a revision of the old leader's book. Miss Frances Russell, Editor of *The Torch,* is the author of the revision. This volume deals with the basic programme of C.G.I.T. organization, worship, business procedure, duties of officers, suggestions for projects, programme planning (in this chapter there is a sample outline of a year in an intermediate group and one in a senior group). You will find *This is C.G.I.T.* easy to read. It is nicely set up with attractive cuts to illustrate the information given. Copies can be obtained from the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

You are facing the latter half of your year with your group. When you sent your reports to your Provincial Secretaries — both the Girl's Work and the Presbyterial Secretary, did you feel that you were making progress with your girls? Can you see them growing, taking more responsibility, being more tolerant taking greater interest in the Church? Perhaps you are not the one to ask these questions — for you may be too close to them to see their growth. But if in your heart you earnestly desire that they should "know God and serve others", the girls will grow. It is easy to be a bit discouraged in February — we all are. But mid-winter blues will give way to spring joys as you work with your girls through the Easter Season, seeking to help them realize the meaning of Christ's sacrifice and triumph.

"Be ye Doers of the Word."

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WEEK. FEBRUARY 1-7.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

WHAT-ANOTHER CONFERENCE?

IT SEEMS to many busy church workers that life is just one meeting after another and it was that way for Ruth Dawson. She belonged to a small city church which had very few leaders in its congregation. Ruth had been called upon to help with this group and that group until now she was almost bogged down. It would have been much easier if she were experienced in working with children's groups but, as she would be the first to admit, she was strictly in the experimental stage. And that is hard on both youngsters and leader.

The morning Ruth got her announcement of the Conference she was in that state of mind known only to a busy young woman who has been wracking her brain wondering how she can make every minute of her time count. If you've been in this situation (as you probably have been) you can sympathize with her when she burst out, "What?—Another Conference! I simply haven't the time to sit and listen to people argue."

But then the words caught her eye "new ideas, new inspiration, new friends". She could certainly use some ideas and she hadn't had much time lately to think either of her ideals or her friends. And so Ruth went to the conference.

The conference was planned particularly for those who were at their wit's end as to what to do and how to do it. There were many experienced leaders who shared their ideas and enthusiasm with the group. Ruth began to feel a bit better about her problems when she found that Mary had the same problems. They even solved a few just by talking together and before long they were planning and sharing brain-waves until Ruth could hardly wait to try some of them out on her group. She really felt invigorated and more enthusiastic than she had ever felt before. She had certainly found some new ideas. And she found more during the day as they went to the different sessions. She realized the importance of letting the children learn by doing instead of only by listening. She compiled a long list of books and pamphlets that were on display. Now when she got back she would have something definite to turn to when she was in need of something new.

The main speaker of the conference was a fine young woman who set out to show these girls how to evaluate themselves as leaders. As Ruth listened she realized exactly where her leadership had failed and why. She knew that this was another very important thing she had learned today.

Ruth knew, as many other people have known at the end of a good conference, that this one day in fellowship with other Christian leaders had given her more help — practical and spiritual — than all the dozens of hours she had spent trying to plan without knowing exactly how to go about it. Of course, this day hadn't given her all the answers but those only come from experience. She had discovered new ideas, new ideals, and new friends, and she knew that when the next conference notice came she would say to another leader in her church, What? Another conference! Come along with me."

— *A LEADER.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

terial — Miss Grace Mackey, Re-

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN Presbyterial — Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary, conducted a Leadership Training Course in the Presbyterial. The Young Women's Guild and the Young People's Society co-operated.

At **Vernon,** Miss Mackay conducted the Star Presentation Ceremony when five Explorers received their red and blue stars. Mrs. C. P. Young addressed the Thank-offering meeting.

The **Armstrong** Auxiliary members saw a showing of a Stewarship film at the Thank-offering meeting.

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial—At the regular meeting of Robertson Senior Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** the address was given by Mrs. J. A. Kennedy. Her subject was "Our Dominion". Afterwards, Mrs. Kennedy presented Rev. Mr. Garvin with a Life Membership.

St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary had as guest speaker, Mr. Cyril Lord who spoke on South America, having lived there for several years. At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary, the President and the Honorary President were presented with gifts as a token of thanks for their services.

At the regular meeting of Central Evening Auxiliary, Miss Sybil White, assisted by Miss Margaret Boyd, gave a lecture, illustrated by pictures on British Guiana.

VICTORIA Presbyterial — Members and friends of St. Andrew's Women's Missionary Society, **Victoria,** met in the lecture room of the church to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the forming of the Auxiliary. Mrs. J. G. Robinson presided and the Dr. J. L. W. McLean gave the devotional and an outline of the early stages of Christian enterprise. Mrs. E. McQueen, auxiliary historian outlined the missionary activities of the last fifty years. The first missionary society of the Island was started by Mrs. J. Clay in 1902. The meeting was told of the work of the early pioneer women in helping to start other societies at home and abroad with special reference to Miss Eldridge, Mrs. R. A. Brown, and Mrs. Marken — the first executive to hold office. Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Margaret Boyd, deaconesses, were mentioned for their work.

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CALGARY Presbyterial — At the Fall Thank-offering of Grace Church Auxiliary, **Calgary,** Rev. R. M. Esler of Knox Church spoke of the conditions in many countries of the world today where opportunities for Mission work were closed, or restricted, or still open. He referred to the "cells" of Christianity established in these lands, the life of which can never be destroyed by evil.

Dr. Morley, of Grace Church, Calgary, addressed a regular Auxiliary meeting, speaking on the work of the church in Alberta. He mentioned its weaknesses, the lack of churches in outlying parts of the province, lack of men, and lack of money. Encouragement lay in the quality of the men serving the various points, and in the work being done among the newcomers from other lands. At this meeting, too, the memory of a faithful Executive member of Auxiliary, Presbyterial and Synodical Boards, Mrs. R. J. Edgar, who had just passed away a few days previously, was honoured in a memorial service led by Mrs. J. H. Jamieson.

The Elizabeth Rae and the Bethany Evening Department Groups of Grace Church, Calgary, assisted by others, responded most generously to a call from Miss Winnifred Ripley for clothing to be used in the Rocky Mountain House District.

"Missions of the Hand, or of the Head, Which?" was the challenge with which Dr. Howick of North Hill Presbyterian Church opened his address to a large gathering at the Thank-offering meeting of the combined Women's Missionary groups of Knox Church, Calgary. Missionary work is the most important task, whether home or foreign, he said, but for too long now missions have been something of the hand, measured far too often by the dollar gauge. If we are to have a truly missionary enterprise in our Church, we must gauge on the spiritual measurements rather than on financial. The Rev. R. McKay Esler introduced the speaker.

The North Hill Auxiliary, Calgary, held a successful Thank-offering meeting. The minister, Dr. A. F. Howick, gave the address, taking as his topic "Sleeping Disciples".

EDMONTON Presbyterial — At the monthly Presbyterial Executive meeting, Mrs. J. Kelman, President, stated that it is a privilege and an honour to do missionary work. We should go forth humbly, putting our trust in God. Our work will be blessed if we have love for God, who is our Master. She deplored the lack of leadership for younger groups. It was reported that two young men from the Medicine Hat Training School intend to enter the ministry.

An impressive Sunday evening service was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Edmonton,** when the Explorer Graduation Ceremonial took place.

Previous to the actual ceremony Miss Margaret Lammie, C.G.I.T. leader in this church for several years was honoured by the W.M.S. Auxiliary when Rev. H. G. Marsh, minister, presented her with a Life Membership Certificate. As a final part of the ceremony, the Explorers formed a circle on one side in the front of the church and the C.G.I.T. on the other side. Linking these circles together were the Explorer Counsellor, who removed the red ties of the graduating Explorers, the Vice-President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, who presented the girls with their black ties, and the C.G.I.T. leader, who placed the ties and C.G.I.T. pins on the girls and welcomed them into the group. The guest speaker was Rev. Dilwyn Evans, who had a special message for the girls.

MACLEOD Presbyterial—The Macleod Presbyterial Executive met at the home of the President, Mrs. G. G. Elder, **Medicine Hat.** Pleasant, informal discussions, to which the Presidents of all four local Auxiliaries were also invited, were presided over by Mrs. Elder and much helpful information was garnered. Two guests, Miss Flora Whiteford and Miss Marguerite Quickfall, spoke briefly of their work.

The former has been newly appointed to assist at both St. John's Church and the Presbyterian Training School and attendant Mission, while the latter has been active for some time in the work of the above mentioned institution. It was reported that three bales of good used clothing valued at $235.00 had been sent for distribution among the Indians on the Rossburn Reservation. Plans were then made for the Annual Presbyterial meeting to be held in Macleod during the latter part of March.

PEACE RIVER Presbyterial — At a Peace River Presbyterial Executive meeting held in Forbes Church, **Grande Prairie**, on October seventh, plans were made for three Sectional meetings to be held at Blueberry Mountain, Fort St. John and Brownvale.

The first Sectional Meeting was held at Blueberry Mountain. Ladies from Wanham and Gordondale met with the ladies from Blueberry Mountain in Munro Presbyterian Church. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. Rod. MacDonald, Honorary President of the Presbyterial.

The second meeting was held at **Fort St. John** in Burch Presbyterian Church. At this meeting, the ladies from Flying Shot, Grande Prairie and Fort St. John met together. Mrs. J. Tissington, President of the Flying Shot Auxiliary, conducted the devotions.

The third meeting took place north of the Peace River, at **Brownvale,** on November thirteenth. Here, the ladies of Dixonville, Last Lake and Brownvale met. Mrs. J. Graham, President of Blueberry Mountain Auxiliary, led the Worship Service.

The Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. Davidson, presided at all meetings. The meetings were addressed by the Presbytery Deaconess, Miss Marjorie MacKay. Miss MacKay reviewed the work of the past summer. She and Miss Barbara Harris, student deaconess, conducted Daily Vacation Bible Schools on the Alaska Highway during the month of July. These schools were held at four of the Maintenance Camps on the Highway-Muncho Lake, Fort Nelson, Sikani and Blueberry. This was the first piece of work done on the Alaska Highway by our deaconesses. She also told of the Schools held at Glen Leslie, Blueberry Mountain, Gordondale and Brownvale. The importanc of the ten days at Camp to the children of our Presbyterial was pointed out. Miss MacKay sketched the work of our Society in Canada and Overseas.

Mrs. Ayre, Corresponding Secretary, discussed reports. The women were given the opportunity to ask questions on our work.

The C.G.I.T. groups from Wanham, Blueberry Mountain and Glen Leslie held a Rally on October eleventh at Blueberry Mountain, under the direction of Miss M. MacKay. This was the first C.G.I.T. Rally to be held in the Peace River Presbyterial. The beautiful autumn day made the journey very pleasant and added to the spirit of the Rally. Those assisting were Miss Peggy Hodges, Miss Jean Carr, Mrs. Mollinga and Mrs. R. A. Davidson. A delicious supper was served by the mothers of the Blueberry Mountain group. Rev. R. Davidson was present at the supper and addressed the girls.

The Explorer Group of Forbes Presbyterian Church, Grande Prairie, and the newly organized group at **Glen Leslie** met at Glen Leslie Church for their Initation Ceremony.

After a picnic lunch and games, the girls gathered in the church for a worship service and Initation Ceremony conducted by Miss MacKay. Mrs. C. Wales is leader of the Glen Leslie group and Miss Peggy Hodges of the Grande Prairie group.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW Presbyterial—A girls' Leadership Conference was held in Knox Church, **Weyburn.** Representatives from the United and Baptist Churches shared in the conference, and a fine spirit of mutual helpfulness prevailed. The representatives from the three churches who serve on the Girls' Work Board for this district were responsible for the planning and organization of the conference. Demonstration groups by C.G.I.T. girls brought reality to addresses and discussions that covered every phase of girls' work. The conference closed with a feeling of satisfaction over the knowledge gained through the sharing of problems and experiences and the hope that similar gatherings would be held more often.

The December meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, **Weyburn,** was a very special one because it was the closing one after close to a half century of organized service. Mrs. Staveley, the President, who has been an active member of the Auxiliary for forty-one years expressed the mutual feeling of sadness shared by all members that the decision had been reached to disband, but she reminded the meeting that the Auxiliary was not disbanding because of failure — for even in the most difficult years obligations had been fulfilled — but because it was felt that a wider service was opening out ahead as part of the newly organized Women's Federation of Knox Church which will begin its work the first of the year. "By faith and prayer the new venture will succeed", said Mrs. Staveley.

PRINCE ALBERT Presbyterial — A dedication service was held at the **Mistawasis Mission** when a pulpit given as a memorial to Rev. John McKay, founder of the Mistawasis Mission, and two silver collection plates were dedicated to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Mission. The gifts were given by grandchildren of Mr. McKay and by Prince Albert Presbyterial. The pulpit was given into the care and keeping of Dr. Moore by Mrs. M. E. Williamson, one of the granddaughters. The collection plates were given by Mrs. F. Dixon, Treasurer of the Prince Albert Presbyterial. Dr. Moore, minister of the church, accepted the gifts. Others assisting in the service were Mr. James Bird, Mr. Donald Sanderson, Mr. George Bird, and Mrs. George Bird.

REGINA Presbyterial — A carload of visitors from Estevan joined with the **Stoughton** W.M.S. Auxiliary when they celebrated their Autumn Thank-offering. Mrs. Donnelly presided. Mrs. John Posno (who had been a resident of China for six years) was the guest speaker.

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BRANDON Presbyterial — The Annual Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Portage la Prairie** was held in the church. The President, Mrs. H. Crump, presided. Mrs. M. McBurney, President of the Brandon Presbyterial, was guest speaker for the afternoon.

SUPERIOR Presbyterial — A meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held in the guild room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Fort William.** The President, Mrs. George Stirrett, presided. It was reported a lovely bale had been shipped to Cecelia Jeffrey Indian School in Kenora. The date was set for the Annual Presbyterial meeting to be held in First Presbyterian Church, Fort William, in February.

Mrs. William Ballantyne, a faithful member of the Women's Missionary Society for many years, was presented with an Honorary Membership in the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada at a meeting of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The presentation was made by Mrs. W. S. Nairn, President of the Manitoba Synodical Society, and Mrs. J. Gibb. Mrs. A. MacAulay presided at the meeting. Rev. A. W. Akerley, of First Baptist Church, was guest speaker. He based his talk on the Christmas story. Rev. A. H. Johnston dedicated the offering while Rev. J. A. McMahon pronounced the benediction.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND Presbyterial — The Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Owen Sound**, held its annual meeting in the church hall, when the members, assisted by the Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary had as their guests the members of the Women's Association. Secretarial reports were gratifying, all obligations have been fully met, with the allocation exceeded. Rev. E. F. Dutcher installed the officers, giving a brief message, taken from Acts, Chapter 1; "Ye shall be my Witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth."

Chatham Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Amherstburg,** held their Christmas meeting at the home of their President, Mrs. Walter Wigle, with Mrs. D. St. Clair Campbell as guest speaker. Mrs. Campbell spoke on the *Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Windsor,** report a very active year with 291 visits, 51 cards to sick and shut-ins, and 194 magazines being sent to the Essex County Sanitarium. They also reported 100 **Glad Tidings** subscriptions and that three food parcels were sent during the year to Miss Isabel McConnell,, missionary in India.

The Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor, installed their new Executive, honoured a charter member and enjoyed a Christmas gift exchange at their December meeting.

Hamilton Presbyterial — Chalmers Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** marked its fortieth anniversary by two special services. At the Sunday morning church service, the Auxiliary members took part. Mrs. D. M. Allan, president of the Hamilton Presbyterial, extended greetings, and gave a helpful message for both children and adults attending, for the Mission Band and C.G.I.T. groups were also present.

On Tuesday evening, members and friends met in the church for a special anniversary program and annual meeting. Mrs. W. I. McLean, retiring president, gave a brief history of the Auxiliary. A pageant, "The Missionaries' Quest," was presented by young ladies of the congregation, dressed in colourful costumes of many lands.

Huron Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Seaforth,** celebrated a Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Mrs. G. Bisset brought greetings from the Huron Presbyterial, Mrs. J. B. Russel from the Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary and Rev. D. Glenn Campbell from the Church. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary for Ontario and Quebec was the guest speaker. Miss Walker spoke of work among the Chinese in Montreal, the Hungarians in Saskatchewan, and told many human interest stories connected with her work in Western Canada. She brought home in a gifted manner the inner wondrous joy of service for the Master in missionary work. A very inspiring history of this Auxiliary was given.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Clinton,** also celebrated a Seventy-fifth Anniversary this fall. Mrs. D. J. Lane gave a brief account of the Clinton Auxiliary from its organization, and Mrs. David Ritchie, Seaforth, as special guest spoke of the pioneer work of seventy-five years ago, and the difficulties and indifference to missionary work at that time. The records of the Society include full time service in the missionary efforts of the Presbyterian Church of Dr. May Irwin (Mrs. Runyon), India; Dr. Annabel McEwen, Punjab, India; and Mrs. Laramil, Huntington School Home, Quebec; and The Anna Turnbull Hospital, Wakaw, Saskatchewan, erected in 1906 in memory of Mrs. J. A. Turnbull, formerly of Clinton.

London Presbyterial — A quarter century's service in London Presbyterial and Hamilton-London Synodical Society, W.M.S., brought special tributes to Mrs. Victor Jackson. Members of New St. James Afternoon Auxiliary and the Cradle Roll Society, **London,** presented her with an Honorary membership and pin. Mrs. Richard Stewart in pointing to Mrs. Jackson's contributions to the W.M.S. noted that she had been London Presbyterial recording secretary for ten years; hospital visitor for fifteen years; and Student Secretary on Synodical for four years, and at present is a Vice-President on London Presbyterial. Mrs. T. A. Bryan presented the Certificate, Mrs. W. T. Baron pinned on a corsage, and Miss Frances Graham gave the life membership pin. Mrs. R. E. McBurney presided for the meeting in the lower hall. Mrs. T. S. Trout convened the meeting and the speaker was Mrs. T. H. Greenaway, who recounted the legend of the Christmas Rose.

Goforth Evening Auxiliary, New St. James, London, held a supper meeting. Mrs. Allan Ferguson convened the meeting. The retiring President, Miss Bertha MacKay, announced that the yearly allocation had been met and that there would be a forthcoming Evening Department Conference May 15-17. Mrs. Ida Janes is the new President. The highlight of this Christmas meeting was the presentation of an "In Memoriam" certificate to Miss Jessie Weir honouring her late sister, Miss Edna Weir, who was one of the charter members of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary.

At the Christmas meeting of Knollwood Park Auxiliary, London, Mrs. John McPherson, a faithful member for nearly thirty years, and treasurer of the Society for eighteen years, was honoured as tribute to her fine service.

Ailsa Craig had as their guests the members of the neighbouring Auxiliary of Ilderton Presbyterian Church at their fall Thank-offering, at which Mrs.

D. J. Lane, of Clinton, was the quest speaker.

Maitland Presbyterial — **Kincardine** Auxiliary lost by death a kind and loyal member in the person of Mrs. J. Shortt, the beloved wife of the late Dr. J. Shortt.

Niagara Presbyterial — At the fall executive meeting of Niagara Presbyterial, held in McCuaig Hall, St. Andrew's Church, **Welland,** a Program Committee was arranged to plan for the Annual Presbyterial Meeting in January.

Paris Presbyterial — It was the privilege of the **Paris** Auxiliary and congregation to hear Miss Dorothy Douglas at a Sunday morning Church Service in late November. Miss Douglas told of her work in Formosa.

Knox Auxiliary, **Woodstock,** joined in a Missionary Rally at a Sunday evening service when Rev. G. L. Douglas introduced his sister, Miss Dorothy Douglas, as the evening speaker. This Service was largely attended by members of the congregation and visitors from outside points. At a Fireside hour which followed in the lecture hall, with Mrs. G. L. Douglas presiding, Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, a former member of the Council Executive, introduced the three speakers who were all appointed to Formosa while she was secretary for that mission, i.e., Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Ada Adams, and Miss Dorothy Douglas. Miss Ramsay is now serving in British Guiana, and spoke of her work there; ;Miss Ada Adams is now with the Ontario Council of Christian Education, and threw out a challenge to leaders in Young People's work, and Miss Douglas described the work in the Girl's High School in Formosa.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Very successful''Missionary Nights'' were reported by three Churches in Sarnia Presbyterial.

In St. Andrew's, **Petrolia**, the Evening Auxiliary conducted the worship, the Explorers led the service of praise, and the address was given by Mrs. J. L. Staugh.

At **Forest,** the ''Missionary family'' of St. James Church united, and each group participated in the program. Rev. T. Owen Hughes and the Presbyterial President, Secretary, and Girls' Work Secretary all brought greetings from their departments.

The Senior group at Paterson Memorial, **Sarnia,** sponsored the Family Night and joined in Worship with the Greta Adams Evening Auxiliary. Twenty-six C.G.I.T. Members received badges and an impressive Candlelight Affiliation Service was held. The Explorers presented a skit. Display tables and posters were arranged by each group, and missionary films were shown.

The Greta Adams Evening Auxiliary held its Annual Christmas party in the Youth Centre of Paterson Memorial. Mrs. Vera McEwen, one of the earliest members was honoured. Instead of the usual White Gift Service this year there will be a Good-Will Offering to relieve the stricken Bhil field, as a congregational effort.

The MacIver Girls' group of **Wyoming** heard their leader, Mrs. G. A. Dewar, present the topic, ''Lighting Candles of Knowledge''. They decided to sponsor the ''Jean Houghton All Girl Choir'' at a coming Sunday evening Service.

St. Andrew's Afternoon Auxiliary, **Sarnia,** returned their President, Mrs. H. L. Sinclair, to office for another year, and honoured a very faithful member at their Christmas meeting. **Corunna** also chose the Christmas season for honouring one of their W.M.S. workers.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ALGOMA Presbyterial — Sault Ste. Marie ladies had the pleasure of hearing Miss M. Ramsay speak of her work in British Guiana. She spoke to the ladies of Westminster, St. Paul's, and Victoria Church, Korah.

Westminster Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting at the home of Colonel G. N. and Mrs. Phillips, with Mrs. Gordon Limms as guest speaker. Mrs. H. A. Workman and Mrs. T. Sanderson were honoured.

Mission Band, Neighbourhood Groups, Explorers, C.G.I.T. have all been started, as well as an Associate Society in Bar Pines.

BARRIE Presbyterial — The Bessie MacMurchy Evening Auxiliary, **Collingwood,** held its twenty-fifth anniversary on November seventeenth. Mrs. Olaf Gulbronson, the President, was in charge of the meeting. Among the guests were Synodical and Presbyterial officers, and many from neighbouring towns. A brief sketch of the history of the Auxiliary was prepared and read by Miss Vetta O'Brien in which she said "In looking over old church records, I find the first mention of a Young Women's Missionary Auxiliary was in the year 1889, when one was formed for the purpose of stimulating an interest in missions among the young women. This Society carried on for several years until it was disbanded in favour of mixed Young People's Societies. A Young Women's Auxiliary was organized on June fourteenth, 1927, with a membership of twenty-three. It now stands at thirty-eight. In 1944 it was decided to re-name the Auxiliary "The Bessie MacMurchy" in honour of our member who was on the staff of the Jobat Hospital and of whom we are justly proud". Miss Bessie MacMurchy, for whom the Auxiliary is named, and who is presently home on furlough from her work in India was the special speaker for the evening. In introducing her, Rev. P. B. Reid brought greetings to the Auxiliary from Rev. Burgess, Moderator of Synod of Toronto and Kingston; from the Presbytery of Barrie; from Dr. J. A. MacInnis, Moderator of the General Assembly, and from Kirk Session of First Presbyterian Church.

Miss MacMurchy had with her a collection of native Indian costumes. These were modelled by members of the Reoch. Mission Band and the Canadian Girls In Training. As each boy or girl was dressed in a costume, Miss MacMurchy explained the type of person who would wear them in India, and their way of living. Also on display were collections of dolls, jewellery, handicrafts and miscellaneous items peculiar to the life of the Hindu people. It was a very interesting meeting.

NORTH BAY Presbyterial — Mrs. Alex. Fraser was honoured by her fellow members of the Senior Auxiliary of **North Bay** at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary.

Mothers of Mission Band members were entertained by the Mission Band at their Christmas Party.

TORONTO EAST Presbyterial — An open meeting of Toronto East Presbyterial was held with Mrs. J. A.

Newstead presiding. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, spoke of this year's study on Africa. She said that the eyes of the world are on this continent today, and the Church has a responsibility for its welfare. We must know more of the country. Miss Marion Rintoul took the devotional period, and assisted by five members of the Glenview Young Women's Auxiliary, gave an interesting review of the study book on Africa, with the theme 'One Blood All Nations. Each girl gave her impression of an imaginary trip to Africa as statistician, historian, rambler, reporter and missionary.

TORONTO WEST Presbyterial — Mrs. Harry S. Reid, Library Secretary on Council Executive, gave an inspiring address at the Thank-offering meeting of Dovercourt Auxiliary, **Toronto.** At the close of the meeting an Honorary Membership was presented to the President, Mrs. R. W. Cameron.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — Two Mission Band rallies were held in Brockville Presbyterial, one in **Morewood,** the other in **South Mountain.** Miss Anna McDonald, missionary of the Eastern Division of the Women's Missionary Society, on furlough from British Guiana, was the guest speaker at South Mountain and showed handwork from British Guiana.

A most interesting travelogue, illustrated by beautiful coloured slides, was given by Mrs. W. Fitzsimons of Cardinal, at the Thank-offering meeting of the Eliza Dowsley Auxiliary, **Prescott.** Mrs. Fitzsimons was assisted in the unique presentation of her trip through the British Isles, by Mrs. James McQuade and Mrs. George McIlveen, also of Cardinal.

Dunbar Auxiliary observed the 66th anniversary of the organization of their auxiliary at the Thankoffering meeting. The President, Mrs. J. Wesley Moke, presided and welcomed the guests present from Chesterville, Morewood, Morrisburg, Winchester and Winchester Springs. Mrs. Wm. Reid of Winchester was the guest speaker. Mrs. Wells was honoured for faithful service. The guests extended greetings on this 66th anniversary, paying special tribute to the pioneers who organized the first auxiliary at Dunbar. The offering was received by Mrs. D. A. Dillabough and Miss Doonie, grand-daughter and great grand-daughter of the first Treasurer of the Auxiliary.

GLENGARRY Presbyterial — Miss Anna McDonald, of the Eastern Division, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, addressed St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Avonmore.** Nearly one hundred were present, including visitors from Gravel Hill and Monkland Auxiliary. During her address she had many interesting articles on display.

Gravel Hill and **Monkland** Auxiliary mourns the passing on November 17th of Mrs. J. J. MacLennan, a valued and loyal member for many years, and secretary of the Auxiliary for fifteen years. Her example of loyalty and devotion to the missionary work left a lasting influence behind.

QUEBEC Presbyterial — A sectional meeting was held in **Scotstown** for the auxiliaries of Milan and Scotstown, with eighteen present. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. MacArthur, Sectional Vice-President. Reports were read by the departmental secretaries of both auxiliaries and were very encouraging in spite of difficulties. Mrs. Murdo Murray from Scotstown Auxiliary was honoured.

A large number of members and friends of the Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Sherbrooke,** were present at the fall Thank-offering meeting which was held at the manse. The President, Mrs. Alan Pickford, conducted the meeting. Mr. Charles Townsley, student missionary at Danville and Asbestos, brought a very impressive message entitled "I Shall Not Want", based on the 23rd Psalm.

The Mission Band Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, was well attended. Beth Ann Walker, president, conducted the meeting. Two playlets were presented by the members, "Our Study" and "Bridges". A moving picture entitled "New Birth", was shown and gifts made by the children during the year to be sent to Indian children were displayed.

Toronto and Kingston

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Guelph Presbyterial — Senior Associate Society, Doon. Pres., Mrs. Charles Tilt; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. George Ayers, Doon.

Saugeen Presbyterial — Mission Band, Mount Forest. Leader, Mrs. Jack MacDougall, Mount Forest.

Toronto East Presbyterial — Explorer Group, Glebe Church, Toronto. Leader, Miss Mildred McVittie, 470 Balliol St., Toronto 12.

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An Evening Department Conference 1953

The evening department of the three Eastern Synodical Societies hold their bi-annual conference this year.

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EDITORIAL

THERE are several changes in the magazine this month. They are not radical changes, but they symbolize a trend of thought which we have been experiencing in connection with the use of *The Glad Tidings* and in fact in all missionary work.

You may think: "What does it matter how the magazine is printed as long as it tells the truth?"

Our answer after some thought is this: The art of printing is a gift God gave to man. His Word is passed on through the medium of this art. If the reason for publishing *The Glad Tidings* is an important one, and we maintain that it is of utmost importance, then there is some logic in thinking that consideration should be given to the use of the art of printing.

The changes in type and the changes in content of the newly organized "departmental pages" are planned with you, the adult member in mind, with a view to helping you in your work in the auxiliary; with the girls and children in mind that they may want to have a share in the magazine.

We hope these changes are in the line of progress toward encouraging wider and more effective reading of our Society's magazine. If *The Glad Tidings* is to achieve its purpose, its articles and stories should be talked about more, evaluated more, arouse more action in response to their appeal to our interest, our intellect, our material resources.

As we said in the beginning this move reflects a trend in our thinking. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, in her Christmas broadcast, called upon her people to . . . "Set out to build a truer knowledge of ourselves and our fellow men, to work for tolerance and understanding among the nations and to use the tremendous forces of science and learning for the betterment of man's lot upon this earth."

Where is it more necessary to use the "tremendous forces of science and learning", than to further the knowledge of the Christian Gospel, and to carry on the work of the Church? In our overseas work and in some phases of our national work, we have had to recognize the fact that God meant us to use His gifts to glorify Him. Thus circumstances have forced us to use modern methods in our missionary work but have we followed these methods in our thinking? Do our auxiliary meetings, for instance, reflect this trend? As we study our work are we ready to see the old beliefs which never change, spread by modern methods which must suit the times in which we live? Do we try to make our programmes challenging and exciting?

Our young Queen challenged us at Christmas: "Many grave problems and difficulties confront us all, but with a new faith in the old and splendid beliefs given us by our forefathers, and the strength to venture beyond the safeties of the past. I know we shall be worthy of our duty. Above all we must keep alive that courageous spirit of adventure. . .".

A "new faith in old and splendid beliefs" . . . "the strength to venture beyond the safeties of the past"; . . . a "courageous spirit of adventure". Do these attributes apply for use in missionary work in our auxiliaries and in the mission fields? We think they do.

Prayer

Lord of all being, throned afar, yet so near that no loving and penitent heart need ever feel separated from Thee, in Thy boundless compassion draw us close in mercy and forgiveness, not because we deserve it but because we ask.

We would pray in this Lenten season that we may realize afresh the significance of the experiences of the Son of Man during the last weeks of His ministry on earth. Help us to be strong in times of temptation because of His resistance in the wilderness and to endure with patience and submission any trials and suffering which may come to us, remembering His agony in the garden and on the cross.

We thank Thee that in the last supper with His disciples our Saviour showed His will for its commemoration so that in the sacrament of holy communion we are reminded of His undying love and enabled to receive the spiritual refreshment which develops and increases our faith.

We give thanks for the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, comforting and guiding us, and for the inspiration and enlightenment obtained in the study of the Scriptures.

We would pray for all missionaries who serve Thee in so many ways and in places near and far. May they never feel lonely or discouraged and may those who have the administration of the work in which they are engaged never fail them through lack of interest, support and the prayer that 'availeth much'.

In our duties and privileges — in our lives with their sunshine and shadow, may Thy grace suffice us, Thy mercy sustain us and Thy peace enfold us. We ask all these things with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Korean Parties in Japan

by ETHEL MACDONALD

WE are grateful to Miss MacDonald, missionary from the Eastern Division for sharing the 'Christmas Parties' with us. We realize once again how close we are to our Christian friends in all parts of the world.

Year: 1952, December 22nd.

Place: Kobe, Japan.

Weather Christmas week: clear; no snow; temperature 32° - 55° some days light winds.

Where: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Rumball's home; 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

What: Kansai District, Korean Workers' Prayer Meeting-Party.

Who attended: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Rumball, 5 Korean children, Dorothy Williams, Janet Rumball and Ethel MacDonald.

Prayer Meeting: Led by Rev. Chong of Hirano Church, Osaka; Message brought by Rev. Paul Rumball, followed.

A welcome was given to me on my return to work among the Koreans in Japan. A gift of six pretty cups and saucers in a nice box was presented by Rev. Mr. Chun of Koyoto Church. I started to reply in the Korean language but got mixed up in the grammar and had to ask Rev. Wenchi Kim to interpret for me.

Mrs. Rumball, Janet and her friend, Dorothy, served a hot meal. The dessert was ice cream. The only baby present was satisfied with some potato from his mother's plate. After the meal gifts were distributed. A gift of not more than Yen 50.00 (.14c Canadian money) brought by those present and then exchanged caused some merriment. (Your reporter received two boxes of matches which are now doing duty in the Rumball's kitchen.) A game was played and the losers had to entertain the others with a song, recitation or stunt. There was time for visiting between the workers themselves and with the missionaries. It was a short time of rest and refreshment for the pastors and workers, spiritually and physically, as they were to have a Happy Christmas.

Date: December 24th and 25th.

Where: Rumball's home.

The usual preparation and excitement of Christmas Eve. Janet's stocking hung by the chimney with care, and Janet hardly able to wait for the light of Christmas morn. Your reporter was asleep shortly before midnight. I wakened suddenly by hearing Christmas carols sung. With the fleeting thought, "Have I been asleep six hours" I jumped out of bed and was half dressed when I heard Mr. Rumball say from their bedroom window, "Won't you come in please?" I then thought that I must be dreaming. We were expecting Korean carol singers about 6:00 a.m., and I knew the plan was for him and Janet to rush down and open the door and put the tree lights on. With that thought I came wide awake. I looked at the clock and saw that it was twenty-five past twelve midnight. I poked my head out the bedroom door to ask who the singers were. The reply was that they were from a Japanese Church. Need I tell you that I quickly undressed and settled my brains for a long nap, not even wanting visions of sugar plums?

About 6:00 a.m. we were wakened by the Korean singers. What did I do first? Made sure of the time then listened to them. I knew by the time on the clock, Janet's excitement and her Dad's words that they were the ones we were expecting, so I hurriedly dressed and joined them. While we waited for the chicken noodle soup to get piping hot we sang some carols. Soup, bread and butter, jam, fresh fruit and coffee were served to ten young people. They did not stay long as they were tired; they had been around the Christian homes since midnight; also they all had some responsibility for the concert at night. While the goodbyes were being said, Janet saw what Santa had put in her stocking. We had our breakfast after which we went into the living room and had worship in Korean. Janet acted as Santa Claus and gave the gifts from the pine tree. We all received some nice gifts. Many lovely greetings came from Canada and from the congregations, workers and friends here in Japan. Dr. Chiysun Kim and Rev. Mr. Noh, who were with us as workers before the war, sent greetings from Korea. We tidied the house, then did as we wished till dinner time when we had turkey, dressing, potatoes, carrots, peas, giblet gravy, plum pudding, nuts and tea. After that we rested, read or wrote letters till time for an early supper as we were going out at night.

As we entered the church shortly after 6:00 p.m. we could feel the excitement in the air. The main church Sunday School children and those from the Maruyama Sunday School were there. About one hundred and fifty children and sixty adults were present. Since we sit on the floor (a Korean and Japanese custom, since there isn't room in their small houses for furniture like we use) shoes must be left out in the racks in the porch. This church has a wooden floor but no pews yet; cushions are provided. Since the heels of my shoes would crack the covering on the mats in their homes, I wear woollen socks and soft slippers when in their homes, no matter how cold it is. As I looked around and down at the children in front of me, I noticed newspaper bundles in front of the children. Then I saw a child wrap her shoes, and I realized that they had brought newspapers to wrap their shoes in so that they could take them inside. There wasn't room for that many shoes in the rack. Small girls in brightly colored dresses, or skirts and sweaters, older girls in their school uniforms, navy blue skirts and middy blouses, trimmed with white braid and white bows, all beaming happily, gazed with interest as the Rumball's and I went up front and took our seats. They saw ten year old Janet wearing a pretty deep pink Korean dress which the women of the church had made and given her as a Christmas present. Janet sang a verse of "When He Cometh" in Korean during the programme.

Mr. Kyungchan Kim, the theological student in charge of Kobe congregation, led the service of worship and brought the Christmas message. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Paul Rumball. One of the teachers was Chairman for the concert which followed. On the way out, each child was given a small parcel of Korean sweet bread made specially for the occasion by the women of the church.

Petrifactions and Peaks in Mountainous Formosa

by REV. HUGH MacMILLAN, M.A., Ph.D.

A YEAR end report written by Leslie Singleton of the English Presbyterian Mission contains some paragraphs which Canadians will read with prayerful interest. I take the liberty of quoting them here under the above title and commend a special interest in this work to readers.

> "Lest it be thought from what is reported that all Christian work in Formosa is too simple and easy, let a recent incident be cited as an example of what happens in 99 out of 100 villages. Near Pak-kang (North Harbour), centre of heathen worship in the Island, there is one Christian family in a moderately sized village. A death occurred in the family and as usual the non-Christian villagers refused to help to carry the coffin out. Christians from other villages came to help but the neighbours obstructed the path and said the coffin was not to be carried unless the local sorcerer led the way to make sure the attendant spirit was safely escorted away! Both civil and military policy help had to be requested before the coffin could be carried to a Christian burial."

Of work in the western plains of the Island where about 90% of the people live, Mr. Singleton gives the following report for the four

Presbyteries of Kaoshiung, Tainan, Chiayi and Taichung:

> "It should be noted that although the statistics show an appreciable increase, 120 churches 3 years ago have now become 143, it is doubtful if numerically Christians increase much more rapidly than the general increase in population. Still we report many aspects of an active, aggressive Church."

As a sample of the kind of work these churches are called upon to do, he states that, "In the Chiaya Presbytery there is the Pak-kang

> church (referred to above in a vast, superstitious area — population about 140,000. In the Tainan Presbytery there is a similar Pak-mng area with one fairly large church and one small church for about the same number of people. The pastors in these churches are full of work in their own congregations, and yet constantly are called out to help neighbouring ones, with these immense heathen areas surrounding them. All our best ministers have formed groups to itinerate."

About the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship (T.K.C.), Mr. Singleton reports that conferences have been held and that the movement is now " helping new churches in the

> plains and Hakka - speaking areas with a widespread 50 cents a month collection." (Each member gives about 4 cents a month Canadian.)

He also reports all-Island conferences of elders and deacons and of ministers from all the 8 Presbyteries.

Reporting printing and bookroom activity, he reports that "The

> Canadian Presbyterian Mission gave us U.S. $400 to put an art paper cover on our Church Paper, so that photos could be reproduced more clearly. For this we give thanks."

In a personal letter, Mr. Singleton tells of the "Messiah". "Many friends know we DID have our two nights April 16 and 17, giving two- thirds of the 'Messiah' in our new Capitol Cinema in Tainan, seating 1000, and both nights well filled. Mr. David McGavin did come from Hong Kong by air to sing the tenor solos and our soprano was Formosa's best, Miss Lim Chhiu-kim now in Taipei, a former student and teacher in our Tainan Girls' School. The head of the Tamsui Girls' School, Mr. Tan Su-ti, came over 200 miles to accompany the solos. I had to conduct the choir and sing bass solos. The second night repaid a lot of our trouble — an impressive performance! About £400 clear was made for the proposed new Maxwell Memorial Church, Tainan. We heard of a non-Christian judge, who ordered his children to attend Sunday School, so impressed was he with the discipline and dignity of the 'Messiah' choir and principals."

Highlights of the Chinese Women's Society

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUDBURY

by

Mrs. James S. Roe

Courtesy — The Sudbury Daily Star

UNDER the leadership of Mrs. Harry Yeung, President, and Mrs. Alan Duncan, Supervisor of this group, the year has been a most successful one. Meetings were held every other Saturday afternoon, except in July and August.

In February, we had a display table at the large Brotherhood Tea held in the Legion Hall.

In March was the beautiful "Flower Tea" held in the basement of the Church, which proved to be a most successful event. There were paper flowers everywhere made by the Chinese women and girls, Chinese lanterns, handicraft, a small bazaar table, girls dressed in beautiful silks from Hong Kong waiting on the tea tables and real Chinese record music. The guests were received by Mrs. Harry Yeung, the President, and Mrs. J. S. Roe, wife of the minister.

Visitations were made regularly to all the homes, especially to the new Chinese women and homes where there were new babies.

A few of the ladies went to the Red Cross rooms to sew every Thursday afternoon.

Upon the request of the Chinese ladies themselves, the whole group of twenty-eight members was divided into four small groups for the teaching of English. This is carried on after the regular devotional and business part of the meetings.

At the Christmas party, carols are sung in Chinese and English, usually a film shown, depicting the birth of Jesus, and the exchange of small gifts.

There is the spirit of love and good-will and much happiness and enthusiasm among the members of this flourishing group.

Health Talks and Evangelism

by HILDUR K. HERMANSON, Reg.N.

I STARTED giving health talks to women's groups about a year ago and have continued to do that sort of thing all along except for my vacation time in Hong Kong. First of all, I gave the talks at churches here in the city and near by. There are still several churches that I have not had time to go to near by, but will do them later. All the talks were very well received. The churches on the Gi-lan plain asked me to come there as soon as possible this autumn as it rains so much in the winter and it is hard for folk to get around. So early in October, as soon as I had finished a series in the city, I packed up some bedding, books and my newly-done lectures, scores of health pamphlets from the USIS and other necessary things and set out for Lo-tong, where the minister had arranged for me to stay in the church tower. Hazel Macdonald came with me the first week and visited all the places too and got to know the people. Her visit resulted in a request for leadership training so she goes to the plain every week on Tuesdays and returns to Taipei Thursdays, as she has classes here then and Mondays. The different churches had everything arranged and my schedule "laid on" so that I could go to two places each day and have three groups on Wednesdays. It meant a lot of scuttling around catching busses and trains, but on the whole there was very little waste time. I will give you the schedule.

On Monday a.m. I left Taipei at 8:40 and got to Thau-sia in time for lunch. There the classes were held in the municipal hall, or class room, where 65 young girls, 16 to 25, were having sewing lessons. None of these had ever been near a church or heard the Gospel, so the minister and the Biblewomen and the elders had a wonderful opportunity to preach to them. We hope some of these can be kept in touch with the church. The sewing teacher, although a Buddhist, was most co-operative and friendly. I had religious tracts as well as my health pamphlets to give out. My talks had been prepared more or less for women's groups, but I had to quickly change to suit men, women and children! The members of the church came too to every meeting. At my sixth and last session, I was asked to teach how to make papya and pineapple jam and bran muffins. I also gave a little demonstration on the care of a sick person in the home. I left Thau-sia by bus to Lo-tong, where I had a hurried supper and then the same talk again in their church. I was most interested to see so many young people, high-school boys and girls, in the group as well as the grown up members of the church. Here the minister, Mr. Tan, gave the spiritual message and it was always interesting to see which of my many openings for talks he would use! He does not miss much. As I stayed in Lo-tong I got to know the members of the church best there and had such a good time with them. They were so helpful in every way.

Tuesdays I had a women's group at Gi-lan, which I enjoyed very much. I was able to get the health station doctor to come and help give a few words on innoculations, too. Tuesday nights we (Lo-tong minister and members of the session) went to a new preaching hall that has been opened near Lo-tong. The first two meetings were held in the municipal hall, where vast crowds crowded in, but we then moved to the preaching hall and those really interested came there, a very good group. The bus that took us there arrived early so there we also had an English lesson to early comers. Mr. Tan always gave a very good message there as most of the people are new hearers. He has a Bible class on Thursday nights and some of the folks go into Lo-tong to church Sundays as there is no minister free to go there.

Wednesday a group of aborigines came down to Lo-tong church and we all spoke to them. I made my talks as short and simple as possible and Mr. Tan put them into Japanese. Then Hazel would tell a Bible story and the minister would also preach. Then we held a bit of a clinic for the ones who were ill. I received some medicines from MAAG through Mr. de Groot. Then we would catch the 1:00 p.m. bus to a village at the foot of the mountain where there were aborigines, Formosans and Main-land Chinese. There too we gave out some simple remedies to the aborigines. Unfortunately it rained so much that the bus could not go there two of the six weeks. However, we feel that the few times we could go was worth while. Hazel went with us there too, a few times.

Wednesday night I went to Ta-khoe, where the hot springs are, but did not have time to enjoy them. My group there was composed of farmers, doctors, business people and ordinary folk, a very interesting group. While they were harvesting we had to meet late, so I did not get home to Lo-tong until near midnight, really poohed out, but the last two meetings were held earlier so I caught an earlier train.

Thursday p.m. I went out to a

little old preaching place which had been started in Dr. Mackay's time and a very elderly minister is there. It is very dead, except for the numbers of children who came. They were not having Sunday School at all but the Lo-tong people started going out Sunday p.m. for that and had a very good attendance. The little fishing village has unnumbered temples to all sorts of gods and pictures, all very well attended! Thursday nights I went to So-o where I had a very good group. The people there were most appreciative. Several of them went each week to Lo-tong to attend Hazel's training classes on Wednesday night and they also asked her to go there over a weekend to help them with the Sunday School.

Friday is prayer-meeting night in each church so there were no classes, so I would return here and try to get my Treasurer's work done and get ready for the next week.

Our Biblewoman in Thau-sia was born not far from there in a non-Christian home, then her people moved away and heard the gospel. She has a number of relatives in a settlement 1½ hour's walk from there and has been going out once a week for a month or so to talk to them and was very anxious that I should go and see the place as she felt if she lived there she could do a great deal for these people. So one Monday I went with her and we had a most wonderful time. In Dr. Mackay's time the plain's tribe had a church near by, but none of these people had ever been to it, the older ones remembered hearing people singing in the church and how frightened they had been! Then the tribe moved away, the church was abandoned and finally washed away in a flood. We spoke in four houses to small groups of from 10 to 30 in each house and the people listened so attentively and were so interested and filled with wonder at the stories of salvation. It is a country settlement off the beaten track, but a bus goes there from Gilan twice a day, so it is not entirely cut off. When I had finished my series of talks, I went back again and did the same trip with the head of the evangelistic work of the Formosan Church and Hazel and Mr. Tan came with us too. So then it was decided to let the Biblewoman go there to live and once a week go back to Thau-sia to teach those she had started with. They now have a minister at Thau-sia so she is not so badly needed there. While on the Gi-lan plain we were much concerned with the lack of literature and so asked Council to let us start a lending library. I wrote about that some time ago.

While in Lo-tong I was also asked to speak at two of the schools to the pupils and separately to the teachers. Mr. Tan likes to keep me busy! I did enjoy it, too.

A Moment in Allahabad

by

PAULINE BROWN, Reg. N.

Miss Brown sailed for India in the fall of 1951. She is preparing for nursing duties on the Bhil field.

ALLAHABAD is a very lovely and interesting city. We've been out boating quite frequently and I never tire of all the sights — even the boatmen are rich sources of interest and can teach us much. And how much there is to learn — not only about the language, but also about the people among whom we shall be living — their ways and thoughts, likes and dislikes. It is amazing how much they will tell us when once they realize that we are genuinely interested in them, and who could help but be interested in them.

There is quite a large Christian community here in Allahabad and they are very friendly and hospitable. As a matter of fact, sometimes we think that we receive too many invitations, for we have come here to study after all! But we are very happy here and getting along fine.

Ida (White) and I share a room with two other girls — Americans — and it is such a large room that we four have ample breathing space. You can see by the snap what a lovely place our school is. There are about 50 students here and we have wonderful fellowship together. The house belongs to the family of a man who was a very prominent lawyer in the Congress Government and he was a personal friend of Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Nehru. He died a couple of years ago and his family, not being able to get along together, moved into separate houses, leaving this big one vacant. It is just the place for the school.

Quite a few renovations and repairs had to be made but now it is really quite comfortable. As is evident in the snaps, there are lovely spacious grounds surrounding the house and most of the classes are held out-of-doors. How pleasant it is to hear the birds singing and feel the warm sun on one's back while studying!

We are busy preparing for "the day" (Christmas) here. This week I am going to practice for three different choirs, including the Church of England Cathedral — variety is the spice of life!

Miss White wrote to Miss Pelton telling some of her experiences en route to India and impression of the land where she hopes to serve as a Missionary Nurse.

MINIATURES OF INDIA

by IDA WHITE, Reg.N.

EN ROUTE from England we went ashore at Port Said, where we did some shopping and saw a "gulli-gulli" man, or a would-be magician. Anyway he made our money disappear in a very real fashion. ..I won't' take time to tell you all about it but at a very strategic moment he told us to say, "Go away'. When we did so in a sort of chorus he said, "All right, I'll go". And so he did with our half-crowns. It was really awfully funny, we were so stupid. I laugh every time I think of it. I was never taken in like that in the whole six months I was in Egypt but I was with some older missionaries and was just following suit.

Miss Sherrick met me in Bombay and after a very interesting shopping tour for a day and a half we continued our journey. I thoroughly enjoyed my short visit on the Bhil field and I'm not wishing myself to get any older but will be glad when two years' language study is up so I can get to work. They wangled it so I could have a little time with each one and I loved every moment of it, especially a day out on the mobile medical clinic with Miss McConnell.

We saw 75 patients while I was there, or I should say the day I was out. I think people think missionaries exaggerate things when they tell of the witch doctors and superstitious beliefs that still exist. One woman brought her little baby. It had fever and chest cold—most likely malaria—and she had taken it to the witch doctor first and it had three burns on its tummy, just the way cattle are branded. The idea of using fire to chase away the evil spirits!

Miss McConnell it quite pleased with her two evangelists. They had quite a nice service on the verandah of the store in Kenas and then while Miss McConnell and

Miss Pauline Brown and Miss Ida White.

the nurse attended the sick, the two evangelists talked with enquirers. We visited two villages.

Pauline (Brown) and I had a very nice journey to Allahabad and we got put right to the task of language study. We had a couple of picnics on the Jumna (river). One was with the whole school and we went up the Jumna to the sand bar and cooked steaks and hamburgers and had a good lunch and returned home. That was on the day of the Hindu "Festival of Lights" and it was after dark when we returned and Mr. Smight drove around the city a bit to show us the lights. It was really a very pretty sight, rows and rows of little lights in every nook all around the houses and on the stair-steps. The Festival is connected with a Hindu legend and signified the home coming of Rama after 14 years of exile. On this day thousands of years ago people illuminated their homes and welcomed Rama to the capital city. It is also believed that Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, comes to visit the people's homes on this night so they are cleaned and freshly decorated and the path is illumined for her arrival. Someone told me that Lakshmi is also the goddess of luck and people do a lot of gambling on that night to see if the goddess has blessed them. If they are lucky that night they will be lucky all the year.

The other picnic was with our class who were just beginning language study and we went up the Jumna to where the Jumna and the Ganges meet. What strange sights we saw that day, too. All the little house boats with temples and people worshipping and washing and even a funeral. Apparently if the people are too poor to burn the body they bury it in the river, first putting a little fire at the head and feet of the body.

Pauline and I have come back to the Bhil field for Christmas. It is wonderful being at Amkhut again. Miss Williamson was afraid the city would spoil us and we wouldn't enjoy the jungle so much, but I'm sure we'll both love it.

What Constitutes a Gift?

This article was written by a teacher at one of our Indian schools. Though it refers to Christmas giving — we are reminded that giving is a part of our daily life as Christians — and if we are to give the right spirit, our gift must be the very best.

"WHEN they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts."

One of our daily papers displayed the other day an interesting news item which gives one reason to think. Canon L. J. Collins dangled a pair of dirty socks from the pulpit of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and scolded the people for giving "junk" to the poor for Christmas gifts. "Who," he asked, "would want an elderly person to receive this pair of socks, unwashed and so worn and darned that they would hardly bear another stitch?" And the item gave me to think of White Gifts and Christmas Gifts for the poor, the underprivileged and the unfortunate; gifts which I have opened.

Now, let me be quite clear about this matter. I am not referring to the bales of used clothing sent out by our Missionary Societies and other groups of willing helpers. They are trying to clothe and care for people who need those garments badly. These bales do a wonderful work in bringing warmth and comfort to many, many who are unfortunate. I am speaking of gifts for Christmas, usually contributed by our young people; gifts dressed in beautiful paper wrappings and decorated with seals and ribbon; gifts which give such promise, but must be opened and checked, because if this were not done, they could often only bring heartbreak to the receiver. How would you like, if you were a little boy, thrilled by receiving from Santa's hands the only gift you can hope to get for Christmas, to find when you remove its lovely wrappings, a pair of washed-out, faded, denim shorts? Or, if a little girl, would you care to receive some other little girl's discarded underwear? What would be your opinion of Santa, and Christmas and the world? You don't believe such things happen? Or perhaps you do, for you too may have opened parcels and been surprised.

But if such gifts result in disappointment for the receivers what about the givers? Will those young people growing up with such a philosophy of giving, be the loyal, sacrificing members of an enthusiastic church? Will they search their hearts for fine ideals or the attics of their lives for castoffs? If out of their Christmas plenty they cannot afford one worthwhile gift for others less fortunate than themselves, how willing will they be to carry out at whatever sacrifice, the expanding projects of the Kingdom of God? But someone will say "Perhaps the giver is poor, too." That may be true. But the gift need not be costly. A tiny doll, dressed by the sender from scraps of material found in any home, will thrill any little girl. She doesn't ask what it costs. But a gift should be such that the giver follows it in imagination, visualizing the opening of the parcel and the joy of the receiver. Thoughtfulness, love, effort, a giving up of something for somebody else, surely these should be the fruits of all our Christmas giving.

This is an appeal to that large group of fine men and women who are giving much time and effort in youth training; the leaders of Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Mission Bands, Tuxis Trail Rangers, C.G.I,T., Explorers. Could we lift our Christmas giving by remembering always that the first Christmas Giver was not the Wise Men but God, the Father of all. He gave the Child whose birth we celebrate and in giving Him, He gave joy and hope to the world. Then the Wise Men, "opened their treasures" and gave gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. And ever since the wise of earth have brought gifts. We are a part of the long line of gift givers, stretching over the centuries. Let our gifts be worthy—not our poorest but our best.

Note For Those Sending Parcels to Mrs. Gillespie

We ask anyone who is planning to send parcels for Mrs. Gillespie to use in her hospital visiting in Toronto to note that her address is 162 Broadview Ave., Toronto 8, Ontario. Some parcels have been sent to the W.M.S. offices. Additional expense and inconvenience to Mrs. Gillespie has been caused. Your co-operation is asked in this matter.

To the Mothers of the boys who fell in Korea

My Dear Friends,

I have been planning to write this letter ever since I attended the "Service of Commemoration on the Departure of the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry".

In November when the men were returning to Canada they had this service in the United Nations Cemetery and Dr. Wm. Scott, Dr. E. J. O. Fraser and I attended it. We are three missionaries from the United Church of Canada but as I was standing there I felt I was representing all the mothers of these boys who paid the supreme price.

In the cemetery were gathered all the men who were returning to Canada and I had the privilege of talking to a number of them. They pointed out the graves of their chums and spoke so highly of them. I am going to the cemetery some day after Christmas and get the names and numbers of all the boys who are laid to rest in that cemetery. It is not very far from our home and I will be very glad to do anything I can for you. I am writing this letter and will send it to the Women's Missionary Society magazine of each denomination and ask to have it printed in the magazine.

At the service the names of the dead were called out and as each name was called, one of the men came forward and placed a wreath on the grave. It was a very impressive ceremony. The Pipers of the Royal Highlanders—The Black Watch were there and their part was very well done. As I stood there that day my heart went out to you and I felt I was your representative. A small part of Korea will forever belong to you. Your sons gave their lives to save Korea from Communism and let us do our part to save it for Christ.

I wish you could have been with me last night as we listened to a Korean choir render The Messiah in English. They deeply impressed all those who heard them and I am sure it would make the people know my dear Korean friends as followers of Christ. So often our Canadian boys do not have the chance to know the Koreans as the language is a great barrier.

May God comfort you in your sorrow and I am sure this will bring heaven nearer to you. Anything I can do will be done very willingly.

Yours in His service,

Annetta M. Rose

Ewing Galloway

An Easter Service of Worship

by MARGARET MacNAUGHTON, B.A.

THEME – Christ is Alive!
PRELUDE – Passion Chorale, Hassler and Bach – Book of Praise 194.
NOTE – The service will proceed without announcement.
CALL to WORSHIP – Leader.

Let the heavens rejoice,
and let the earth be glad before the Lord,
for he hath made known his salvation.
"For Christ our paschal lamb has been sacrificed.
Let us therefore celebrate the festival – with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Cor. 5:7,8)

Response — All

"Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.

"Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!" Amen.
Author Unknown.

Hymn — Book of Praise 735, "Who is He?" Verses 1, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Narrator —

"Jesus, who is He?" This is the question that has puzzled men for 2000 years. It was the question asked by those who first listened to this strange new teacher from Galilee. It has been hissed in contempt and derision. It has been mumbled in cold indifference. It has spilled from the depths of an earnest, seeking soul. And as often as it has been asked there has been an answer — always different, yet always the same. "Jesus Christ — the Living Lord."

Reader — Matthew 16:13-17. "Peter's Confession"

Narrator —

Peter found the answer, but still the question persisted, "Who is this person called Christ?" And as the gospel spread and the Church became established throughout the known world, the answers were many and controversial. Some said that Christ was only a wise man. Others said he was God. Still others said "No! He was neither God nor man. He was a creature, less than God but greater than man." So, while Christ was manifesting His saving Presence in the lives of men, His Church stated its faith in Him in words which have echoed and re-echoed through each succeeding generation.

All — repeat in unison

"I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and all things visible and invisible.

"And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten of His Father before all worlds.
God of God,
Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
Begotten not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary
And was made man; . . . .
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life. . . .
Who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified. . .
Amen"

. . . . from the Nicene Creed (excerpts)

HYMN — Book of Praise 219, "Now is Christ risen from the dead", vs. 1 and 4.

NARRATOR — I speak to you now of the present. In the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty two, famine sent fear to the mighty heart of India and hunger was everywhere. Many came to the mission bungalow, begging for grain. Finally from the other side of the world came help in the name of Christ. Corn was given to the most needy and after all the grain had been divided, many stayed to pick up the odd kernels that lay on the ground. They returned to their homes with joy for there was bread for themselves and their children. Through the common act of sharing bread, they had met the living Christ. Some would say, "Who is He?"

READER — John 6:35, 48-51. "The Bread of Life".

NARRATOR — The dark cloud of ignorance, oppression and hatred which has long enveloped Africa, is slow to lift. But here and there has been caught a flashing glimpse of things to be — of brotherly love, of life abundant and divine mercies still too distant to visualize. Those who have caught the vision wait with joy and confidence the Living Lord who giveth Light.

READER — John 8:12. "The Light of the World".

NARRATOR — Easter is a glad season of thanksgiving and rededication when Christians the world over, rejoice to hear again the triumphant news, "He is Risen".

READER — Matthew 28:1-10. "He is Risen".

PRAYER

"O God, our Father, who looks upon thy wayward children with an everlasting love and has compassion upon us, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for Thy mercy to us and all people;
For the goodness which created us and the bounty which has surrounded us,
For the hope which upholds us and the patience which guides us,
But above all for Thy Son Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Redeemer.

May we show forth His praise, not only with our lips but with our lives. Hasten that day when all men shall own Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and will be content to live in fellowship with Thee and one another. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

LEADER —

In the same spirit with which the women gave their joyous news on Easter morn, let us present our gifts unto God.

OFFERING

DEDICATION OF OFFERING (Leader)

"Saviour, Thou hast freely given
All the blessings we enjoy,
Earthly store and bread of heaven,
Love and peace without alloy;
Humbly now we bow before Thee,
And our all to Thee resign;
For the kingdom, power and glory,
Are, O Lord, forever Thine. Amen." Robert Murray.

HYMN — Book of Praise, 259. "At the Name of Jesus"

BLESSING — In unison — Luke 2:29-32

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared
Before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the gentiles
And to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen."

Nunc Dimittis, Book of Praise, 825.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE OF SERVICE OF WORSHIP

- At March meeting ask Auxiliary members to bring March issue to the Easter meeting. A reminder could be included in the final notice from pulpit or in calendar.
- Plan meeting carefully. It would conduce to the smooth running of the service to have those taking part seated on the platform. If this is impracticable have them seated in the front row and instructed to turn and face the audience.
- Choose for the readers, especially the narrator, those with good voices and clear enunciation.
- Have the service carried through without announcement.

MRS. A. B. CRUICKSHANK

The death of Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank on Friday morning, February 6th came as a shock to members of Council Executive and to her friends throughout the Church and the Society.

Mrs. Cruickshank became a member of Council Executive in 1945 and two years later assumed the office of Home Helpers Secretary. In addition she was for six years chairman of the National Committee and to the duties of these two departments she gave of herself and of her time most generously. She has gone from us, but her ready smile and sense of humour, her loyalty, her good judgment and above all her spiritual strength and constant unwavering witness to her Lord will remain with us for a long time. Another will carry on the work of her office but her place will not be filled in the hearts of those who have been privileged to be associated with her through the years.

To her husband and to her son and his family and her sisters, the Women's Missionary Society extends sincere sympathy and commends them to the loving care of God.

A Prayer

For strength to live, unselfishness to love,
For courage on the battlefield of life;
For eyes that smile and gaze on One above,
Yet do not pass those wounded in the strife.

A soul that seeks the light and not the gloom,
Yet shrinks not from the suffering and blind;
A heart that loves the highest, yet has room
For all the unloved outcasts of mankind.

For honour to stay watchful at my post,
Nor quit it till at last I'm called away;
For loyalty to all the fighting host
And to my Great Commander—Lord, I pray.

—NANCY TREDGOLD, in *Woman's Magazine.*

Financial Statement 1952

The Financial Statement for 1952 was presented and accepted by Council Executive at a Special Meeting on February 12th, 1953. It has been decided to present this to Council in May in greater detail than heretofore, after which it will appear in *The Glad Tidings* and the Annual Report.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts from Synodicals	1952	1951
British Columbia	$ 8,885.00	$ 8,300.00
Alberta	7,289.00	7,017.00
Saskatchewan	5,286.11	4,666.79
Manitoba	7,420.78	6,265.50
Toronto and Kingston	78,336.72	74,483.23
Hamilton and London	72,809.75	68,300.00
Montreal and Ottawa	41,715.00	38,979.00
	$221,742.36	$208,011.52
Individual Subscriptions	3,822.70	2,463.31
Interest	900.00	900.00
	$226,465.06	$211,374.83
Disbursements on Estimates	207,971.34	198,540.00
	$ 18,493.72	$ 12,834.83

All Synodicals have reached or exceeded their allocation and all have increased their contributions over 1951, the over-all increase being 6½%. This is an outstanding response on the part of our members to the needs of our work, and it can only be the result of increased interest, service and prayer.

SUPPLY FUND

	1952	1951
British Columbia	$ 500.00	$ 457.18
Alberta	502.80	400.00
Saskatchewan	271.08	227.30
Manitoba	366.00	357.91
Toronto and Kingston	4,297.63	3,982.65
Hamilton and London	3,252.17	3,024.96
Montreal and Ottawa	1,955.17	1,750.06
	$ 11,144.85	$ 10,200.06

(Mrs. G. R.) Ruth E. Pye, *Treasurer.*

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THIS year as we think particularly of Africa, her people and their problems we do not want to forget that there are many people with many problems right at home on the continent of North America. In order that we do not lose sight of these we suggest that as many people as possible read THE WORLD IS MY HOME and HOW.

THE WORLD IS MY HOME is a novel which tells the story of an immigrant Estonian youth. Jean is one of a group of trusting "D.P.'s" who were encouraged to come to America in the belief that in this land all their troubles would be over. This they found to be more than a slight exaggeration. Jean's friendship with a young American girl who writes for a local newspaper introduces a touching love story as well as bringing to light other cases where Christian action is necessary.

The story is based upon facts which are well-known to the author, the Reverend Ewald Mand, through his own experiences and those of his people. Mr. Mand is himself a native of Estonia and lived and suffered in that land under both Russian and Nazi occupation. During the war he escaped to America and is now the minister in First Baptist Church, Rockport, Mass. In THE WORLD IS MY HOME the sufferings and disappointments are those which come to a group of Estonian immigrants but they are the same experiences that thousands of immigrants from other war-ravaged lands have gone through and are going through. Truly "the message of THE WORLD IS MY HOME is universal."

THE WORLD IS MY HOME can do much to help people to understand the problems of newcomers to our land and how disappointments can end in triumph if Christian people act in a Christian way.

Be sure to get a copy also of HOW, an illustrated digest which by means of dramatic stories tells HOW — Home Missions work for human rights. The short, interesting articles within its pages portray five principal human rights — the right to belong, the right to education without discrimination, the right to health, work and worship. HOW shows the needs to be met and how some of them have been met and are being met, it points out the many and great needs still to be met, and the great need for increasing interest and activity on the part of professing Christians in seeing and doing something about the needs on their own doorsteps.

THANK-OFFERING MEETINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT

Probably by the time that this page is in your hands, you as a member of an Auxiliary, perhaps a member of the Executive, have been giving some thought to your Thank-Offering Meeting and have found the question of obtaining a speaker a rather difficult one,— or perhaps you have decided that you would like to try something original and different this year, something in which several members of your Auxiliary can take part. We are going to try to give you three or four suggestions, and if they do not appeal to you perhaps they will suggest something else that will.

Seeing is Believing

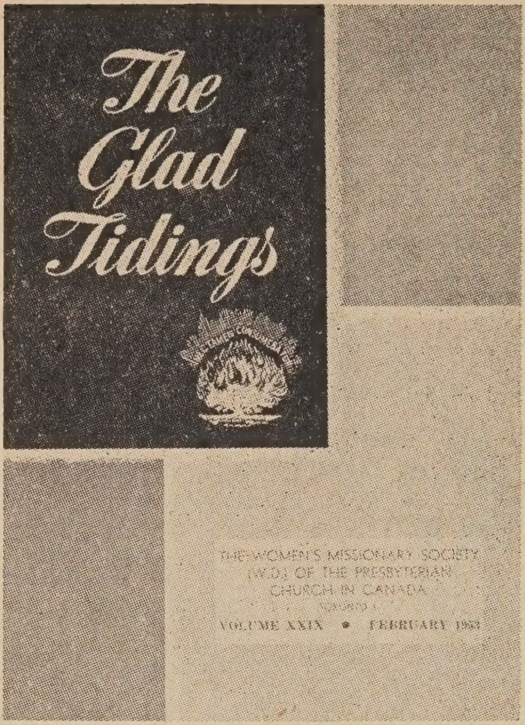
Have you ever planned a programme using visual aids? If your church or Sunday school has either a still or movie projector you can plan a very interesting meeting. This year the study for adult groups is *Africa Contrasts and Conflicts* and there are three films on Africa available from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George Street, Toronto 5. They are "An End to Darkness", which rents for $5.00; "The Challenge of Africa", which rents for $8.00, (this film is well worth the $8.00 if you have the equipment); and "The Life of David Livingstone", which rents for $4.00. These are all 16 mm., black and white. You may also secure a film strip, "African Panorama" from the same address. There are 3¼″ x 3¼″ slides on the life of David Livingstone and either 2″ x 2″ or 3¼″ x 3¼″ slides related to the work of the Church in the various fields at home and overseas. If you are planning this sort of programme, it would be well to bear in mind the following:

1. Order early and if possible give a second choice.
2. After using the slides or film, return them promptly.
3. Be sure to know the size of slides or film you wish and state it clearly when ordering.

If you are going to have a film it is essential that you have a competent operator and if you yourself are showing filmstrip or slides be sure to put them through three or four times before the meeting so that you are familiar with the machine you are using. The beauty of a visual aid programme lies not merely in the pictures you are projecting or the story they tell, but in the smoothness with which the programme is carried through. It is a good idea to rewrite the script yourself so that it will be in terms that are familiar to you.

Do You Know? — Your Glad Tidings Does ☛

Maybe you would like to have a programme taken completely from *The Glad Tidings.* There is an excellent service of worship in this issue, which could be used with any type of programme. For the balance of your meeting you might have a small committee go through your file of *Tidings* from the July-August number to the present issue and pick out interesting items which could be worked into a "Do You Know?" programme. For instance one question could be, "Is there a member of our staff at the Vellore Christian Medical College, India, at the present time?" Give each question to a member of your Auxiliary at the meeting before the Thank-Offering or send it to her through the mail and ask her to look up additional information relating to the question in *The Glad Tidings* and be prepared to answer the question at the Thank-Offering meeting. Or perhaps if you took the study *Meet the South Americans* last year, and are not too sure how well you remember it, you could plan a panel discussion with the chairman asking questions to be answered by the other members of the panel.


The Glad Tidings
THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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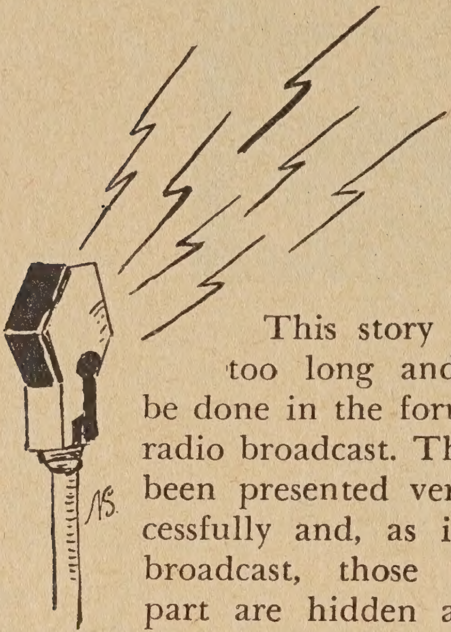
Drama, Radio or Television!

If you look on page 16 of the January issue of *The Glad Tidings,* you will find that in 1953 your Society will give the sum of $3,980. to Vellore Christian Medical College in South India, including the salary and expenses of Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N. Interest in Vellore and the wonderful work they are doing there is growing and you might like to present a short dramatization of some of the incidents that happen *Along an Indian Road.* This little play tells the story of mobile medical units working out from Vellore but the work is similar to that being done by our medical units on the Bhil field.



This story is not too long and may be done in the form of a radio broadcast. This has been presented very successfully and, as it is a broadcast, those taking part are hidden and so need no costumes and may read the script. The announcer too will read her script, so that the preparation is not as big an undertaking as it might appear. If these two ideas of dramatization do not appeal to the members of a Senior Auxiliary, perhaps one of the other groups in the Church . . . Young Women's or Evening . . . would present the programme, and you might be able to arrange "The W.M.S. Family Complete", for your Thank-Offering Meeting.

(If by any chance, your spring Thank-Offering is over or already planned, please file this article for future reference.)

*Copies of *Along an Indian Road* may be obtained from The Literature Department, Women's Missionary Society, Room 800 — 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1. They are free of charge.

An Evening Department Conference 1953

The evening department of the three Eastern Synodical Societies hold their bi-annual conference this year.

The conference is being held in **New Westminster Church, Hamilton, May 15-16-17th.**

The conference theme is "Our Commission". **Miss Laura K. Pelton** is the theme speaker.

Miss Teen-Ager

AT this time of the year, most of you are deep in Mission Study and this year you must be revelling in the thrill and adventure of a trip to Africa, for none of you has travelled this way before.

Miss Bricker, in "Growing up with Africa", has given you ideas for wonderful meetings and has painted vivid pictures for you, to make this dark "unknown" continent one of peculiar charm and mystery, as well as one which presents to us a glorious opportunity for missionary service.

New Member? — Meet the Mission Study!

We wish it were possible for us to talk with you new members who for the first time have "taken" Mission Study. How interested we would be in your reactions to this whole subject of missions.

We expect, when your leader announced that your Mission Study would begin on the first week of February (or whenever it was), you would be a bit curious as to what you might expect. A few girls, no doubt, said something about "mission work being for old people" and others would go to the first meeting expecting to be bored.

What a surprise was in store for you! How astonished you must have been when you discovered how fascinating was this Africa to which you were introduced — the

OVERSEAS GUESTS
AT
NATIONAL
C.G.I.T. CAMP

(From Africa, India, Bolivia, Formosa and Korea)

— Scott

customs of its people, the kind of food which is eaten and the clothes which are worn. Were you not thrilled by the stories of the work done by missionaries in the past and the great love and sacrifice these men displayed to the African people at such cost to themselves?

We feel sure that your introduction to missions will be the foundation upon which will be built a keener interest in the welfare of the people of other lands and a stronger desire to help them to a better way of life.

Senior Member? — Well, "Hello" Again!

With those of you to whom Mission Study is an old story, we should like to chat also. We know you have studied India, Formosa, and Canadian Mission Fields. Then you have, no doubt, been following in *The Glad Tidings* the activities of many of the missionaries you came to know through your study.

Some of you have been privileged to go to camp and have met some of these fine women and also girls from other lands, who have come here to learn of us.

What impression has all this made upon you? Has it left you with the desire to have a part in this terrific task of sharing with others the story of Jesus' love for us? Do you feel that, somehow, somewhere, you have a job to do — a definite place to fill? For you have, you know!

This is for You

Mission work isn't, as we so often think, for "old people". On the contrary, it's for "young people". For girls who are just beginning to make your plans for the future, it is to you that the great challenge is made "Go ye therefore, and tell all nations. . ."

Vocations

Perhaps some of you will be called to full time service as a teacher, doctor or nurse for some station in Canada, India, Formosa, or perhaps even Africa. The opportunities are boundless. Talk with your leader or write to us, if you are interested in knowing more about this work.

Leadership

Most of you, like us, will have to stay at home, but we still have a job to do and a place to fill. Perhaps it will be leading a girls' group or Mission Band. Later, it might be that it is our job to increase the interest of others in missions.

Whatever it might be, we all have a real job to do in this work, whether we serve on a mission field or at home. See why we'd like to have a chat with you? We'd love to know what you think about it all and it's awfully important that you *do* think about it, for the real challenge of missions is surely directed at the youth of today.

— Unations

THE AFRICAN CHARM THAT CAME OFF

"HUSH-a-bye, hush-a-bye hush-a-bye my baby, do not cry so. The evil spirits will hear you and call you away."

Madia sat on her heels on a mat rocking her little black baby girl in her arms, back and forth, back and forth. The baby's cry was weaker than it had been at noon. Surely she wouldn't lose this baby too. Only a year ago the witch doctor had done his witch dance for her baby son just as he was doing now but the little baby boy died. She could hear the beat of the witch doctor's feet as he danced around and around the fire in front of the African grass roofed hut. He wore a big white painted mask with horns and he shouted fiercely and wailed loudly as he shook his big rattles to scare away the evil spirits. He made so much noise that no one could hear the baby cry but Madia.

She tied more firmly to the baby's wrist the little charm the witch doctor had given her just last week. It was a little piece of carved bone to keep evil away. Soon they would come for her little baby girl to give to the witch doctor. Madia cried with her baby when she remembered what he did to sick babies. He didn't often cure them either.

Suddenly she felt a hand on her shoulder. It was Buta, the chief's son. He had been away to mission school and had just returned yesterday. He whispered in her ear. "Do not speak but bring your baby and come with me very quietly." She covered her baby's mouth to silence her crying and followed the boy. She crept with him in the dusk more quietly than a shadow to the edge of the forest and they were hidden among the trees.

"Where are we going?", she whispered.

"To the mission hospital".

"But isn't that far away?"

"We might reach there tomorrow morning," said Buta.

"I am afraid", said Madia, "it is dangerous to go through the forest at night."

"The moon is rising and we shall see our way. Your baby will die if you do not come. I shall pray to the God I believe in to keep us safe and get us to the mission hospital in time."

"But it is so far."

"I have a plan," and Buta took her hand and led her through the forest along the paths so familiar to him when he was hunting with his father.

At last they came to the next village which was right beside the river. Madia and Buta could see the village fires and men grouped about them talking. Buta told them of Madia and her sick baby and asked them to take her down the river to the mission hospital. They were afraid to go down the river at night for the evil spirits of the forest might get them. Buta said his God was much more powerful than all the evil spirits and he would go too. He pleaded with them very hard and at last they said they would go because they knew Buta, what a great hunter he was and they liked him.

All night Buta and the other black curly headed men paddled the big dugout canoe as quickly and silently as they could. The current was swift and that helped them. The baby wasn't crying much now and lay very still. Madia was becoming very sick herself. Could it be the same sickness the baby had? She didn't want the men to know because they would be afraid of so much sickness and might put her and her baby and Buta on the bank of the river somewhere and leave them.

The sun rose and the paddlers weren't so much afraid of evil spirits and began to sing a paddling song, — "we are paddling down the river. We are paddling together, together. The water is rapid and smooth, we are paddling together. We have a long way to go. We are paddling together, together."

The sun rose higher and higher and got hotter and hotter. Madia covered the baby with big leaves which she had brought. She got sicker and sicker. The baby wasn't crying at all now. "Would they never get there before it was too late," she thought. The sun was straight overhead so it must be noon.

"There it is", cried Buta. Madia opened her eyes and far ahead, high on a hill at the bend of the river she saw a white building much larger than she had ever seen before. When the big canoe stopped Buta saw how sick she was and ran to get the doctor. Kind, tender hands reached down to take her quiet baby girl from her. Gentle arms carried her up the hill to the hospital. She was put in a clean white bed and then Madia didn't know anything more for days and days.

One day she saw the sun coming through the window. The first thing she had noticed for a long time. The smiling nurse saw Madia's eyes looking all around as if she were hunting for something. The nurse hurried away and very soon was standing beside the bed holding in her arms the little black baby girl who had been so sick. The baby kicked and gurgled as babies do while the mother looked at her baby as if she could never look enough. "She is well again. She didn't die", said Madia happily and then fell fast asleep.

Madia had to stay in the hospital for many more days because she had been very sick and wouldn't be well enough to go home for a long time yet. She was more and more surprised at all the things done by the nurse to make her comfortable and happy.

"Why are you so kind" she asked the nurse who did most for her.

"Because God is in my heart." Replied the nurse who was black like herself.

"What do you mean?" asked Madia wonderingly.

"I mean that I have come to know that there is just one God. He loves us all so much that he gave His only son to die for us so we needn't be afraid any more."

"Aren't you ever afraid even of what evil spirits might do to you?"

"Not any more. I know now that God loves me and cares for me always and nothing can really harm me when I trust him. I have given my whole life to Him and asked Him to live in my heart. That is why I am so happy and like to be kind."

"I have never seen anyone like you before", said Madia and lay quietly to think about what she had learned.

As she got stronger she learned a great deal from her nurses and from the white doctor. So eager was she to be like them with love filling her heart that she gladly accepted Jesus as her Saviour and began to try to be the person He would have her to be.

One day Madia was well enough to be out of bed and strong enough to hold her dear little baby girl. She just looked at her. Her heart was so full of happiness she thought it would burst. Never again would she be afraid and that charm on her baby's arm to keep away evil spirits, would of course come off.

Madia is pronounced Ma DEE a.

Would you boys and girls like to think what Madia and her baby did when she returned to her village and write a story about it?

There is a Citadel

There is a Citadel upon the earth
Within whose walls there stand the pure and true,
Defending still the sacred rights of men
Against the powers of darkness; and those few
Have weapons deadlier far than all the rest.
They fight with swords of faith and hope and guard
Their battered ramparts with the flame of love,
And though the fight is long, the warfare hard,
They shall go on in strength and might to free
The pathways which the saints have trod,
And keep their stronghold in the years to be
The Christian Heritage, the Church of God.

— J. M. W., in *Life and Work.*

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. H. Magee, 1210 Nanaimo St.,
New Westminster, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial—The Evening Auxiliary and the Young Women's group of Fairview Church, Vancouver, met in the church, to present a shower of gifts to Miss Ellen Douglas to be given to patients in Nursing Homes and hospitals. Miss Douglas told of the joy and privilege of being a Hospital worker. Refreshments were served.

The Rev. D. J. Gillies installed the officers of the Senior Auxiliary at the annual meeting of Vancouver Heights Church, after which he was presented with a Life Membership in the Women's Missionary Society.

ALBERTA

Mrs. E. C. Benner, 4210 - 51A St.,
Red Deer, Press Secretary

CALGARY Presbyterial—The Athalie Read Group of the North Hill Church, **Calgary,** recently held a supper meeting for their regular meeting. Members of the Senior Auxiliary were invited to be the guests. Each member brought a guest hoping to interest them in joining the group. After supper the play that was in the September **Glad Tidings** was presented by the group. A very interesting address was given by the minister's wife, Mrs. A. F. Howick.

EDMONTON Presbyterial — The first Executive meeting of the Presbyterial for 1953 was held in First Church, **Edmonton,** the President, Mrs. J. Kelman, presiding. The reports for the year 1952 were encouraging and interesting. We were glad to hear of a number of new Presbyterians arriving in Edmonton. The Welcome and Welfare secretary had faithfully called at the homes and had received some interesting letters. **The Glad Tidings** report shows that people are reading the magazine more than formerly. The Home Helpers in Edmonton are really doing something of value as shown by their contributions.

The Children's Secretary deplored the fact that some groups have been disbanded because they have no leaders, but a new group has been formed at Rupert Street Church. Miss Peggy Lammie of St. Andrew's Church is worthy of high praise for the excellent work she has done with the C.G.I.T. group for a number of years. If young Christians realized the need of their help as leaders of groups and the assistance they would get from the secretaries of the Children's Department they might more readily respond.

Boxes of supplies have been sent to Mr. Garrett of Rossburn. Library books and magazines have been sent to hospitals, Salvation Army, and the Peace River. The Treasurer's report shows an increase of contributions to the General Fund.

RED DEER Presbyterial — The annual meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, **Red Deer,** was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Bell with the President, Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, presiding. Following the election of officers, Mrs. P. A. Jardine became the president for 1953.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE JAW Presbyterial—Rev. D. B. Isaac, minister of Knox Church, **Weyburn,** formally installed the officers of the newly-formed Women's Federation at the first meeting of the year. In charging them and addressing the meeting Mr. Isaac urged everyone to "Begin at Jerusalem" and concentrate on building a better and more effective Church; a centre of friendliness. "Missionary notes" dealt briefly with the people of the Sioux Villages in Manitoba to whom the W.M.S. material supplies, were allocated in 1952. The Circles are putting particular emphasis on knowing our Church and the missionary activities within it.

Miss Margaret Near, deaconess, now stationed in Regina for the winter months, was guest speaker at the autumn Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Moose Jaw,** which was held jointly with the Friendship Circle. Miss Near spoke of the summer work during the course of which she covered over 3,000 miles with the missionary van in Saskatchewan. Rev. George Dobie, Superintendent of Missions in Saskatchewan, speaking at a later meeting gave an encouraging report on work accomplished in Saskatchewan during 1952. A special meeting was greatly honoured in having Dr. J. A. MacInnis, Moderator of the General Assembly, as guest speaker. Dr. MacInnis had been greatly encouraged by the things he had seen and heard during his travels and expressed appreciation for the splendid welcome he had received.

The Missionary Family complete was realized in St. Paul's Church, Moose Jaw, when the members of the Mission Band, Young People's group, Burning Bush Society and the Good Cheer Group joined with the Senior Auxiliary for the autumn Thank-offering. A film "African Doctor" was shown by Rev. Wallace MacKinnon. Rev. Bruce Herrod assisted with the service of worship and closed the meeting.

SASKATOON Presbyterial—Miss J. E. Walls, Synodical President, installed the 1953 officers for St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** in an impressive service at the first meeting of the New Year, held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wilson. Mrs. J. H. Cameron, as an introduction to the study of mission work in Africa, gave an outline of the life, work and travels of David Livingstone. Lantern slides shown by Miss M. Campbell illustrated the talk. Miss Campbell also showed pictures of Livingstone's birthplace and memorial which she had seen on a recent visit to Scotland. A presentation was made to Mrs. A. Johnston in recognition of her long and faithful service.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St., Fort
William, Ont., Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — At the regular monthly meeting of First Church Auxiliary, **Brandon,** an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. Manson. It was given by the Gray family in memory of their mother the late Mrs. J. A. Gray. A Life Membership pin was presented to Mrs. W. O. Nugent as a farewell gift on her departure for Edmonton, a new field of work.

SUPERIOR Presbyterial Executive meeting was held in First Church, **Port Arthur** on January 19th. Mrs. G. P. Stirrett presided and the secretaries' and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. It was pointed out by the Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Fraser, that during the past year there had been a considerable increase in givings from every department and that the allocation had been exceeded. Plans were made for the annual meeting of the Presbyterial.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Fort William** met in the church hall for the first meeting of 1953. The Rev. A. H. Johnston conducted the devotions and installed the officers for 1953. Mrs. R. C. Browne was elected president and conducted the meeting and outlined the work for the year. The annual report of the work of the auxiliary was given by Mrs. W. S. Nairn and showed the year just closed to be one of the best in the history of St. Andrew's Auxiliary both socially and financially. Visits to the number of 514 were made to shut-ins, sick and others in the congregation. An exceptionally good bale was reported sent to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora. The financial statement for the year presented by Mrs. W. J. McGregor was exceptional.

The first group of Explorers in First Church, West Fort William was initiated early in January. Mrs. McDougall, Children's Secretary for Superior Presbyterial, presented the girls with their pins and purpose cards.

WINNIPEG Presbyterial — The annual Day of Prayer of the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, **Winnipeg,** Mrs. J. A. Davidson, President, presiding. The theme was "Thou Art My Hope in the Day of Evil". The guest speaker was Dr. M. E. R. Boudreau of Norwood Church. He took as his text "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you he shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you". He said that in these words Christ suggests that Prayer is the perfect identification with the will of God. Mrs. A. T. Kernaghan of First Church, read the Scripture. Mrs. S. V. Gordon of St. James Church led the prayer for Her Majestey, Queen Elizabeth, for the nation and for Peace; Mrs. Neville of St. John's for home and families; Mrs. Boudreau of Norwood for all workers and missionaries; Mrs. W. S. Smith of Calvin for the Church universal. Mrs. Goodale of Elmwood Church for the rededication of our lives to the Church and Christian service; Mrs. J. R. McDonald of thanksgiving.

The Auxiliary of **Kildonan** Church held a social evening for Home Helpers in Nisbet Hall. Mrs. D. McRae, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, presided. The Rev. D. E. Flint gave an interesting address on "Women of the Bible". A number of the newly-formed Evening Group were present. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, showed beautiful coloured slides taken during a summer trip.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, FRONT ST.,
CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

HAMILTON Presbyterial—On the evening of January 7th in St. Enoch's Church, **Hamilton,** the Rev. Simeon Moore Gordon, B.A., B.D., was designated by the Presbytery of Hamilton for missionary work in the Island of Formosa. At the page of sixty-four Mr. Gordon has had a unique service with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Canada, and particularly in China where he spent nearly twenty-five years, and where he learned to speak Mandarin, a Chinese dialect.

The Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.B.E., M.A., of Central Church, Brantford, and Convener of the General Board of Missions, said in his address that the missionary movement of the Christians among the hill tribes was one of the greatest enterprises that should shape the future of the world. Dr. N. D. MacDonald, Moderator of Presbytery, presided at the dignified and solemn service and the sermon was taken by the Rev. S. W. Vance, of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. An outline of Mr. Gordon's life was given by the Rev. R. Forbes Thomson. Mrs. Gordon, whom he married in 1919 at Peiping, China, was the daughter of the late Dr. A. B. Winchester, former missionary in China, and Mrs. Winchester of Toronto.

Immediately following the designation service Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were guests of honour at a tea arranged by the Presbyterial W.M.S. Executive, where a large number of friends wished them Godspeed in their new life in the mission field in Formosa. Miss Annie J. Ritchie, on behalf of all the Presbyterian W.M.S. Auxiliaries of the vicinity, presented Mrs. Gordon with a leather handbag and gift of money, expressing appreciation of Mrs. Gordon's interest and work in the Women's Missionary Society, and her unfailing understanding. Mrs. Gordon as vice-president of the Presbyterial was much beloved by all. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were Dr. and Mrs. N. D. MacDonald and Mrs. Duncan Allan, Presbyterial President.

LONDON Presbyterial—This year the annual Presbyterial meeting was held in Alma Street Church, **St. Thomas,** January 29th. Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Children's Secretary on Council Executive, and Mrs. F. C. Knox, on furlough from India, were the special speakers.

"Christmas" was the theme of all the meetings as Auxiliaries again heard the story of the birth of the "Messiah" in Scripture, song and spoken messages. Annual reports also were presented and officers for the new year elected and installed.

Mrs. Thomas Leishman, the newly-elected President, was in the chair when the Gilmour Evening Auxiliary of Elmwood Avenue Church, **London,** held their first meeting of the new year. Rev. John Fleck, minister of the church, was the guest speaker with a stirring message, "Roots Downward, Fruits Upward." This group recently presented gifts to Mrs. William Weir, our hospital visitor, for distribution on her calls to patients.

The Wilkie Evening Auxiliary of St. George's Church, London, was enthused to learn from Miss Pearl Bowman that they had exceeded their allocation and as they reviewed their year, they thought of the great inspiration Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, missionary on furlough from India, had brought in her address and it was decided to purchase some books to be sent to an Indian mission.

MAITLAND Presbyterial—The annual meeting of Maitland Presbyterial was held January 13th in St. Andrew's Church, **Wingham.** Mrs. A. McAuley, Presbyterial President, opened the meeting with prayer. All reports of the secretaries and treasurer had a cheerful note of success and a good slate of incoming officers was elected and installed.

STRATFORD Presbyterial—The auxiliaries of the Presbyterial were well represented at the annual meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, **Stratford.** Mrs. R. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, presided and a gracious welcome was given by Mrs. W. K. Williamson, President of St. Andrew's Auxiliary. Miss Mary E. Whale, Editor of **The Glad Tidings,** and speaker of the day, presided over the election and installation of the officers. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, President of Hamilton and London Synodical Society, spoke in reference to an increase in the allocation of $875.00 over 1952, asking the members to accept the responsibility of this increase, which was then approved and prayerfully accepted. The roll call theme, "Forward With Christ," was responded to by one hundred and fourteen women and later in the talk given by Miss Whale, she emphasized the importance of **The Glad Tidings,** the official publication of the Women's Missionary Society, as the missionary workers go "Forward with Christ." All the reports presented reviewed a year of progress and successful W.M.S. activity.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Sudbury, April 28, 29, 30. Those wishing billets please write the **billeting secretary, Mrs. H. C. Rose, 257 Long Lake Rd., Lockerby, Ontario.** For information regarding **railway fares** write or phone **Mrs Percy Ranson, 254 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto 12, Ontario, telephone number HUdson 5966.**

BARRIE Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held on January 13th in Essa Road Church, **Barrie,** with the President, Mrs. Wm. McEachern of Orillia in the chair. Mrs. McEachern extended a warm welcome to all present and regretted that so many officers were ill. The Treasurer's report was read showing the allocation had been greatly exceeded, and stating a higher objective for 1953.

Mrs. Murdo McInnis gave a glowing Mission Band report showing an increase in Bands, attendance and offerings. Victoria Harbour Mission Band held a special meeting and invited the members of the Auxiliary when they adopted the name of one of their faithful members, Elizabeth Winfield, for their Band. A "Flag Tea" was held by the Stayner Band to finance buying a flag which was sent to Mrs. Andrew in British Guiana. There were two new Bands organized, one at Stroud and one at Penetanguishene. Orillia won the Banner with a 90% average attendance.

The Girls' Organizations reported a gratifying increase in memberships and givings. The Home Helpers Secretary reported increases in givings and calls and twenty-five Home Helpers became active members. **The Glad Tidings** report showed an increase but still not a "Glad Tidings" in every home. Mrs. A. T. McDonald, Recording Secretary, inspired all present when she read her report. She remarked, "We have much to regret and much of satisfaction as we enter the portal of a New Year. We regret our weakness in stewardship of time but much in satisfaction in that our allocation was more than met."

Mrs. Gray, returned missionary from the Central China Mision, was introduced by Mrs. Muir. She chose the words from Ephesians 2 "All the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord"; and the words of Haggai, "Is this the time for you to dwell in ceiled houses when the house of God lies in waste?" She remarked the raising of the allocation is not as important as the spiritual growth of the Church. Miss Newell took the chair for the election of officers. Mrs. Wm. McEachern of Orillia was elected President. The members of the Presbyterial were proud to have three Moderators present for the dinner hour, Dr. MacInnis, Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. J. L. Burgess, Moderator of Toronto and Kingston Synod, and Rev. Peter Reid, Collingwood, Moderator of Barrie Presbytery.

The Autumn Thank-offering meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of Knox Church, **Alliston,** was held in the town of and with the Mansfield congregation, when over 200 attended to hear and welcome home the Andrew family after over three years spent in missionary work at Suddie, British Guiana. Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. MacCullough of the Auxiliaries presided. Mrs. L. Cave welcomed all who had assembled with Knox to hear Mrs. Andrew. Mrs. G. Kiernan introduced the speaker, expressing the pleasure it was to have Mrs. Andrew and her family back safely in their midst.

Mrs. Andrew expressed her joy and that of her family in being back in Canada again. She spoke briefly on the heritage and privileges Canadians have in our manner of living the free enjoyable life that is ours. She told how The Presbyterian Church in Canada became responsible for the spiritual life of the East Indian people in British Guiana. They had a native catechist to help with the work and many of the teachers besides teaching religion in the schools, helped with the Sunday School work. Mrs. Andrew told of results they had witnessed from their labour and much has been accomplished through the prayers and generosity of the home folk.

GUELPH Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society was held in Knox Church, **Guelph,** on January 13th with nearly 200 ladies attending. Each of the secretaries reported a successful year. In the report on the Senior Department, Mrs. T. Snyder, Corresponding Secretary said the crying need within the Society at the present time was for young women to become interested in missionary work. So many of the Senior Auxiliaries are losing members constantly and need younger members to take their places in the missionary work both in keeping up with demand at home and on the foreign fields.

In the Treasurer's report, Mrs. F. Payne, gave a bright picture of finances at the present time. The total amount far exceeded the allocation set. Miss B. Crowe of Guelph who had been chosen as delegate to the first National C.G.I.T. Camp gave a brief report. A pleasant feature of the morning meeting was the presentation by Mrs. W. P. Gamble and Miss Mary Oliver of an Honorary Membership and pin to the retiring president, Miss Lyla M. Sinclair. Appreciation was expressed to the recipient of the awards for her loyalty and work during that time.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was the guest speaker and spoke regarding the

International Missionary Conference held in Willingen, Germany. In speaking of the conference, Miss Pelton said it had three main points of significance namely: "That it was held at all, that it was held in Germany, and it discussed the missionary of the future." Miss Pelton installed the new officers for 1953.

KINGSTON Presbyterial—The 69th annual meeting of Kingston Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, January 12, 1953. The President, Mrs. C. A. Smart, spoke of the theme of the meeting, "Go ye therefore and teach all Nations." The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Roth, then read an excellent report, followed by the Treasurer, Miss M. Nesbitt, who showed that the Presbyterial had gone the second mile and exceeded their allocation by $350.00.

Departmental Reports: Mrs. D. Houston, Evening and Young Women's Secretary, reported an increase in membership; Mrs. Milton Shaw, Girls' Organization Secretary, reported an increased membership but urged that other auxiliaries start girls' work this year; Miss Bessie Fleming, Children's Secretary, gave an excellent report yet nine auxiliaries have no work for children; Mrs. I. Gollan, Supply Secretary, reported that the allocation for supplies had been reached and there is an increase of $44.00 for next year's supplies; Miss Mary Mackintosh reported the same number of subscriptions to **The Glad Tidings** as 1951 and all auxiliaries were urged to increase their subscriptions for the coming year; Miss M. P. M. Henry, Press Secretary, in giving a full report indicated an even better response than last year.

Miss Henry introduced the guest speaker, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N. Miss MacMurchy illustrated her talk on the work in Central India with coloured pictures which showed the beauty of the country.

LINDSAY Presbyterial —The annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Lindsay.** The President, Mrs. Joseph Cathcart, presided at morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. W. W. Finney welcomed the ladies to Lindsay and the Rev. Joseph Cathcart, Moderator of Lindsay Presbytery, conveyed greetings from Presbytery. Progress was reported in every department of the Presbyterial. The Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Brabazon reported that the allocation had been oversubscribed; $4,662.53 had been sent to the Synodical Treasurer. Mrs. C. MacKay presented the picture of Dr. Jessie MacBean to Mrs. Joseph Nesbitt for Glenarm Mission Band of highest standing for the year in the Presbyterial.

Mrs. Kennedy introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. John Cheshire, who spoke of the difficulties and discouragements of the missionaries on the Jhansi Field in India, and of the customs of the people.

In vacating the chair in favour of Mrs. W. W. Finney, Mrs. Cathcart expressed thanks to the Presbyterial and the Executive for the happy and successful years she has served as President. Mrs. C. Veale conveyed thank to Mrs. Cathcart for her faithfulness as President. The Rev. A. S. McLean, Kirkfield, conducted the installation service.

NORTH BAY Presbyterial—At an evening service in Knox Church, **Sudbury,** the annual Thank-offering of the missionary Auxiliaries was observed. In attendance were the Florence Graham Auxiliary, the Dorothy Douglas Evening Auxiliary, the Chinese Affiliated Society and the two new groups recently organized, namely the Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. Members acted as ushers. Mrs. Eva White, President of the Florence Graham Auxiliary, conducted the Installation service of the Mission Band officers, after the leader, Mrs. Charles Ferguson and her assistant, Mrs. Helen Tom, were introduced. The leader of the C.G.I.T. group is Mrs. Wallace Jones, who is assisted by Mrs. Ted Perry. The officers were installed by the minister.

Mason Memorial Hall of Knox Church, Sudbury, was the scene of a very lovely Christmas party held by the newly formed Happy Helpers Mission Band under the leadership of Mrs. C. Ferguson and Mrs. J. Thom. The children, gaily dressed, presented a most enjoyable programme including piano duets, vocal duets, recitations, and group singing of carols. The mothers and members of the Executive of the Auxiliary were guests. Each guest was presented with the gift of a little calendar made by the children. Each child also brought a gift which was donated to a needy cause.

PETERBOROUGH Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, **Peterborough,** on January 14th with a good attendance from twelve auxiliaries. Mrs. A. N. Reid presided. The reports of various secretaries showed increases in many cases and revealed a great amount of work accomplished.

The highlight of the meeting was an address by Mrs. F. C. Knox. Mr. and Mrs. Knox are at present on furlough from the Bhil Field in India. Articles of interest were shown such as clothing, jewelry, a miniature bed and dolls in native costumes. We were asked to set aside a particular time each day to pray for our missionaries. The Rev. A. N. Reid installed the new officers for 1953. The new President is Mrs. A. E. Toombs of Campbellford.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Miss Janet L. Riley,
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Ottawa, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, Brockville, with Mrs. E. Larsen the President, in the chair. In her opening remarks Mrs. Larsen introduced the theme of the meeting, "Rejoice." Greetings were brought from the Synodical Society by the President, Mrs. W. E. Baker of Westmount, and from Presbytery by Dr. Cousens of Brockville. Auxiliary and departmental reports showed a successful year of missionary endeavour, and the Treasurer reported an increase in givings, which resulted in the allocation being exceeded. Mrs. Baker installed the newly-elected officers. Rev. E. Larsen closed the meeting with the benediction.

OTTAWA Presbyterial—At the annual meeting of the D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, the newly-elected officers were installed by Mrs. A. Ian Burnett. Encouraging reports for the past year were submitted. Silence was observed in memory of Mrs. A. G. Cameron and Miss Jean Grant, two faithful members who died during the year. To celebrate the Christmas season, a turkey supper was served by the hospitality committee, followed by the showing of coloured slides taken by Rev. A. Ian Burnett of places he visited last summer in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

The Rev. Robert Good installed the new officers of Erskine Auxiliary, Ottawa, at their first meeting of the year. The President, Mrs. V. Woods, presided. Mrs. S. J. Pink, Mrs. V. Woods and Mrs. B. Curzon were honoured for faithful service to the Auxiliary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

December 31st, 1952

Receipts:

A Friend, Torrance, Ontario	$ 5.00
Geneva Presbyterian Church, Sunday School, Chesley, Ontario, "Miss Scott's Work in India"	10.00
Elora Sunday School, "Miss Sherrick's Work"	6.00
"Miss McConnell's Work"	6.50
Jean Macdougall Guild, Kerrisdale Church, "Education of Armor Singh, Bhil Field"	25.00
A Friend, "Christian Literature, Africa"	10.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	5.00
Mooretown Sunday School, "Milk for Children, Bhil Field"	8.00
Miss Margaret Paterson	.90
Belmore Sunday School, "Support of Pastor, Formosa"	110.00
Miss L. Pirch, in memory of her mother, "Mobile Clinic Work, India"	100.00
Kathleen and Winnifred Knox and Marjorie Cheshire, "Babies Home in Amkut"	10.00
A Friend, Eyebrow, Saskatchewan	25.00
Famine Relief in India	108.10
Last Lake Ladies' Aid, "Gift toward organ purchases"	50.00
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey School	100.00
Hospitalization rates received from workers	47.85
Interest	450.00
Income Tax from worker	1.75
Missionaries' Salaries deposited in Canada on request	1,408.46
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	800.00
British Columbia, Supplies	22.00
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Risen With Christ

By Rev. J. A. MacInnis, B.A., B.D., D.D.

Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

"IF ye then have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." — Colossians 3:1-2.

Easter Day, like Christmas Day, is one of those precious occasions that awaken a sense of joy and gratitude in the human heart, even in the hearts of many who do not reflect on the spiritual fact.

Time was when a Christian minister felt it necessary to dwell at length on "Proofs of the Resurrection". Certain types of scientists used to argue against the Resurrection, denying any value of Christian experience outside their own explanations. Happily that day is now long past. The outlook of thinking men has widened.

It should always be kept in mind that the evidences of the resurrection of Jesus are not only the documentary evidences of the narratives, but something prior to that, viz: — the transformation effected in the thoughts and lives of the first disciples giving rise to the Christian Gospel and the Christian Church. To realize the greatness of this transformation one has only to visualize the disciples after the event as depicted in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, and compare it with that before the event as given in the Gospels. As J. M. Shaw puts it in his book *Life After Death* — "Sadness has given place to joy, weakness to strength, cowardice to courage, despair to confidence."

The explanation of that moral and spiritual transformation say these first apostles is the Resurrection — "whereof we are witnesses". "The God of our Fathers raised up

Jesus whom ye killed by hanging on a tree." "God exalted Him to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins". He who had been condemned and crucified was indeed the Christ, the Messiah in whom alone there was salvation. This same Jesus God had raised from the dead "after three days". J. S. Whale in his *Christian Doctrine,* says, "Here is the mightiest of the mighty acts of God, astounding to believer and unbeliever alike. It was a creative act of the Living God comparable to the act of the first creation itself." It alone explains the Christian Gospel, and Christian history and Christian experience.

"If ye then have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

There is no good reason for any of us to expect Resurrection as independent, self-sufficient creatures. It is outside of ourselves that we must look to gain any real hope. It is to God on whom we are ultimately dependent that we must look. It is to the Resurrection of Christ that we must look in faith which has nothing to do with human power or worthiness, but with the triumphant power of God, something which neither nature or men could supply out of their own resources.

The phrase, "raised with Christ", depends for its meaning on another phrase of St. Paul, "In Christ" – "Living in Christ", "Being in Christ. St. Paul pictures two lives united as by marriage – the life of Christ and the life of the believer. Because wherever there is a person willing to give himself or herself in faith to Christ, the life of Christ and the life of that person begin to merge with one another. "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Thus, His Resurrection power becomes our hope of resurrection. We can, in fact, be raised with Christ.

St. Paul knew that the knowledge of the Resurrection fact would fill the hearts of the Church folk at Colossae with joy, but he knew also that it was possible for that joy to stop short of changing their lives. So he says, "If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above." The Christian who stands under promise stands also under obligation.

Let us all at this Easter-time face anew and in faith the challenge of the apostle to the Church at Colossae. Let us in faith ask God to take from us the things which separate us from Him, things which do not belong to the life in Christ; the love of self, indifference to the claims of Christ and His Church, "the sin which clings so closely". "If ye then have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

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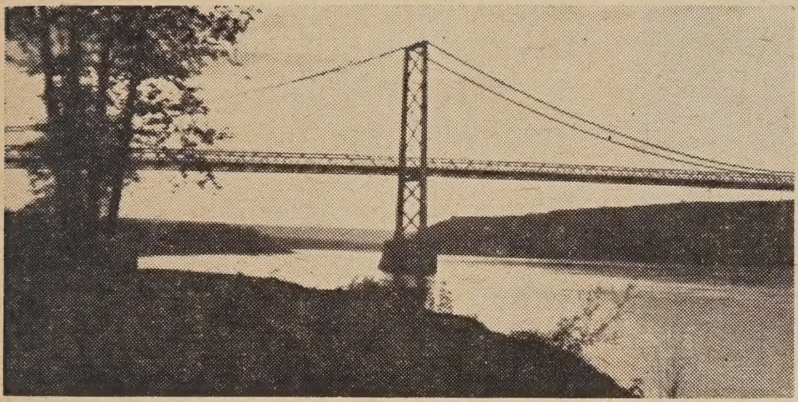


PEACE RIVER BRIDGE

M. MACKAY

The Peace River country has characteristics of Ontario, of the Prairies, of British Columbia – yet it is a distinctive country. It is the Peace River Country.

Miss Marjorie MacKay pictured the country north of Edmonton in Alberta, the vast area of our country which takes its name from a river which rises in the Rockies and drains Lake Athabasca. It is an area where she has worked for two summers. It is a land to which she has given her heart, if one may judge from the way in which she spoke to Council Executive, telling of her work there.

"The Peace River Country is not a pioneer country," said Miss MacKay. It has long been developed as one of the greatest wheat growing areas in Canada and in the world. Recent developments in the oil industry and natural gas have added to its fame and its prosperity.

This is the area – known to us in the Presbyterian Church as Peace River Presbytery. It is a wide area, the size of which is hardly comprehensible to us. (Take a look at a map of Canada, find Grande Prairie, Fort St. John, then wander north-west to Whitehorse. We found even the vastness as shown on the map to be quite impressive.) In the Peace River Presbytery, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has nine churches built and is working in six other places. The first church built in Grande Prairie was a Presbyterian church. It is still standing.

Miss MacKay spoke of the early beginning for the Church in the Peace River. She spoke of the value of the work done by Dr. Alexander Forbes and Mrs. Forbes, by Dr. Margaret Strang Savage, by Miss Grigor.

"The work has changed since

Miss Marjorie MacKay

the earlier days." It has become more mobile. A Presbyterial has been formed and it has helped in the organization of women's work. This has helped to bring women together at sectional meetings and for their annual meeting. Miss MacKay said that setting a date for a sectional meeting was not as easy as we know it in more populated areas. Each of the auxiliaries in the section is usually contacted and an agreeable date found. Poor weather can most effectively hamper their meeting, and they are sometimes cancelled at the last minute.

The Vacation Schools have helped to unify the work. The Presbyterian camp held annually at Lake Saskatoon has brought people together. In some of these instances the school and camps could not go on without the close co-operation of parents with the Church leader. Leadership and practical help in such essentials as transportation are thus provided. Each of the Vacation Schools should have follow-up work, Miss MacKay believed. As an example, she told of one place where a school was held. It was the only time when the children had formal Christian Education in the whole year. The people thought that was wrong so a Sunday School was organized. An active Explorer Group has been formed there.

Last year for the first time Vacation Schools were held at maintenance camps on the Alaska Highway. The November 1952 issue quoted from Miss MacKay's report on those schools. Problems of transportation, of food supply, were minimized by the worthwhileness of the venture. Miss MacKay held the Bible Schools in school buildings, in a theatre in one camp. She found parents very much interested in having their children receive

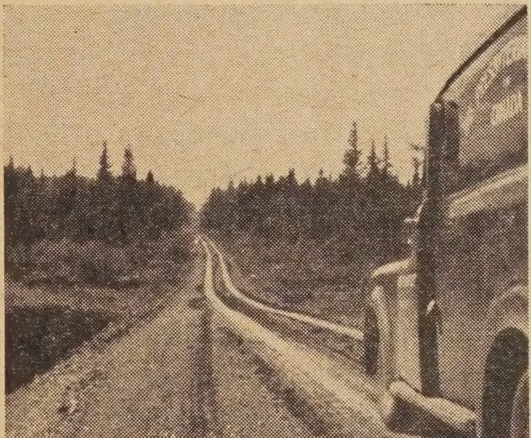
At Vacation School

MacKAY

Christian education. She found the children very eager to learn. In some of the camps, the children did not want to take time off to eat or sleep. They did of course, but it meant Miss MacKay and Miss Harris, her student assistant, worked very hard to keep work prepared. The Vacation Schools conducted by Miss MacKay and Miss Harris were the only ones conducted on the Highway. The opportunities to witness and to teach are great on the Alaska Highway. Reverend George Dobie made trips to the camps while he was minister in Fort St. John. Miss MacKay feels there is great need for our Church to increase its witness on the Alaska Highway.

In the question and answer period which Miss MacKay had following her brief address, it was clearly revealed that she believes with all her heart that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a call to witness in the Peace River country. That our efforts thus far have been inadequate was evident in every sentence she spoke — though she spoke only of the building of the Church there and of the interest of the people. If this call is to be answered there must be personnel — men and women who are educated and equipped to properly witness for the Christian Church.

Miss Marjorie MacKay will have spoken to some of you in Ontario by this time. Unfortunately she cannot go into every congregation in the Dominion of Canada. If she could you would feel as we did when we heard her, and do as we write this, that we must arise from our lethargy and disinterest and put ourselves body and soul into the work in the Peace River and wherever our Church has been called by Christ to go.



The apartment—the Van in front

Along the road

A call to the Peace River

ACTING TOGETHER

By LAURA K. PELTON

AS WE consider the Church's mission in unity one thing is clear: whatever may be the final manifestation of the Church's unity the churches must act together in a spirit of understanding and sympathy.

One of the prior considerations for all Mission Boards at this time is to discover where our witness can be more effective by acting together. One of the difficulties about co-operative work for many people is that it tends to become depersonalized. When one reads in the estimates a grant to this and a grant to that it does not seem to mean as much as when we talk about something Miss McConnell is doing on the Bhil field, the kindergarten work being set up by Miss MacKenzie in Taiwan and all the things we read about our missionaries.

One of the questions asked at Willingen was *"Are we prepared to make the necessary sacrifice for the initiative and mobility required for the new missionary era?"* This is one of the questions which we of our Society must ask ourselves. Perhaps we have depended too much on the personal element in our missionary work. Is it possible that much of our response has been motivated by a selfish interest? Have we endeavoured to project ourselves into the centre of our missionary work?

What is the motto of our Women's Missionary Society? "The World for Christ". Jesus Christ should be the centre of our missionary response. Whatever will advance the mission of the Church should be our first concern.

When church leaders gathered from fifty nations became convinced that the Church fulfil her mission in this kind of world only as the churches draw closer together in witness, surely we must pay heed. Our grant of $500 toward the salary of a Student Christian Movement Secretary in Brazil may not appear quite as personal to us as the work of Miss Bessie MacMurchy, but does that really matter? What we need is Christian imagination. Our grant of $500 to the Student Christian Movement work in Latin America means that we are contributing to one of the most important pieces of Christian work on that continent. Much of the leadership of South America naturally will come from graduates of universities. Does it matter to you whether or not those graduates come to a knowledge of God's word in Jesus Christ and that as Protestants they take their place in the future life of their respective countries. That is what our grant means.

We may often wonder what the International Missionary Council means to us. If in the future we make a direct grant to this Council, as I hope we shall, let us use some Christian imagination. The International Missionary Council is the agency which made possible the continuing of missions during the war which otherwise would have been closed. By co-ordinating the contributions of the various churches that the witness might be continued in Africa and various parts of the world that had hitherto been supported by the churches of Germany, Scandinavia and Holland the International Missionary Council was the channel through which the churches spoke to one another across the barriers of war. The International Missionary Council is the agency making it possible for older and younger churches to understand one another better thus making the Church's witness more effective.

We need to rethink our whole attitude toward co-operative work. Let us not talk about "our work" as over against co-operative work. Let us put Jesus Christ at the centre of our effort, determined to make whatever sacrifices are necessary in our missionary response to Christian missions. The important thing is that the world be won for Christ. If we really believe in the spirit of Christ's prayer in the seventeenth chapter of St. John "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me", then our oneness is not as Canadians, as Britishers, as Presbyterians, our oneness is to be found in the body of God's redeemed, the fellowship of His Church made up of the churches throughout the world.

One of the secrets of the great strength of Communism is its oneness in fellowship. Communists are not separated by race or nation; they are one in a purpose. We do not agree with their tactics, we repudiate their materialistic philosophy but we are bound to admire the way in which they are bound together by a fellowship. This is what we need for the Church's mission. We need to discover in a new way the meaning of Christian fellowship. Then our response to missions shall not blow hot and cold because of our attachment to one or more missionaries; our response shall burst into a burning flame because we are constrained by the yearning heart of Christ for the poor, the blind, the sinful, the despairing people of every nation and every race. Let your imagination envisage the people of God acting together that the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

OVERSEAS NEWS FLASHES

Miss. Lily Simpson, Reg. N.

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg. N., who has been home on extended leave of absence because of her mother's illness, returns to India March 11th. We are so thankful that it was possible for Miss Simpson to be with her mother during her last illness. It has been a great comfort to Miss Simpson and I think we have some idea of what it must have meant to her mother.

Council Executive is loaning Miss Simpson to the General Board of Missions for a time that she may take over from Miss Nichol as Superintendent of Jobat Hospital. Miss Simpson remains a member of our staff and we know that the hospital will be in the best hands under her direction of nurses. Our best wishes and prayers go with Miss Simpson.

Miss Margaret Kennedy will attend a conference for missionaries on furlough at Bossey, Switzerland. This will be a unique opportunity for Miss Kennedy and we know of no one who will make better use of such an opportunity. There she will be in an ecumenical environment and will learn much of the new situation as regards Christian missions at this time. The conference will be under the direction of Dr. Hendrik Kraemer, one of the great figures in the World Council of Churches.

Miss Hazel Reaveley and Miss E. M. Magee leave India in April for furlough in Canada. Miss Magee will do some tripping about Europe on her way home, arriving some time in June. Miss Reaveley will likely arrive in May.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., is doing a most effective piece of work in visiting and speaking to many groups and at Sunday services in Eastern Ontario.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., is busy travelling over the north part of Taiwan continuing her lectures in home nursing, hygiene, health talks. She has found men, women and young people eager to

INTEREST ON INVESTMENT

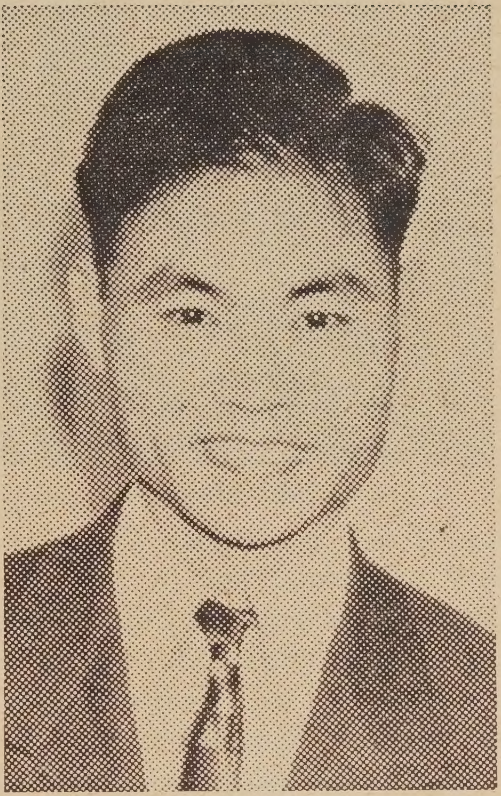
By LAURA K. PELTON

THE readers of *The Glad Tidings* will remember that the Women's Missionary Society made itself responsible for Mr. Wenchi Kim during his second year at Knox College.

While in Canada Wenchi Kim endeared himself to all who came to know him. The Rev. Lloyd Henderson, under whom he worked for one summer in Manitoba, had nothing but praise for his earnestness and powers of preaching. Above everything else, Wenchi Kim is a man with a message and a passion for bringing the good news to those who had not received it.

Last year when on our way to Taiwan, Wenchi with a number of the Korean pastors met us at the Tokyo airport. We had a couple of hours' visit while the plane was being refueled and being made ready for the rest of its journey. The Moderator of the Korean General Assembly said to us "Wenchi's two years in Canada have increased his usefulness to the Korean Church fifty per cent."

The following excerpt from a recent letter of Wenchi Kim's dated January 16th, 1953, speaks for itself and indicates the interest on our investment.



Rev. Wenchi Kim

"November 9th we had Thanksgiving service. I baptized twenty-five persons. When I arrived Japan November 16th, 1951, we had thirty-two members in my church; now we have sixty-eight. During last year I baptized thirty-three people and some people came from another church. Twenty of them are coming from too far away and we are going to build a church for them whenever we get money. We decided to buy ground. We need $700 and we are raising money for

Miss Edith Magee, B.A.

attend her meetings. The pastors have welcomed her in their churches and in many instances follow her lectures with Bible study. This is proving to be a real outreach in our work in Taiwan.

Miss Hazel Macdonald has been meeting with the ministers to plan her next itinerary. She is finding the women most anxious to take her leadership training classes that they may take a more active part in the life of the church.

Miss Agnes Hislop spent a while on the Bhil field with Miss Kennedy that she might become familiar with the work which she will take up as she completes her language study in the autumn.

Miss Miriam Lall (Indian nurse), who has been working with Miss Hazel Reaveley in the village of Chirgaon, a few miles from Jhansi, will be stationed at Jhansi upon Miss Reaveley's return to Canada. Miss Lall will be resident nurse at the Helen Macdonald Memorial Girls' School and also will do evangelistic work in some of the villages out from Jhansi. Miriam Lall is an unusual person, able in her profession and a young woman with a deep and consistent commitment to Jesus Christ. All who know Miriam trust and love her.

L. K. P.

Miss Mary E. Nichol

Miss Kennedy

Miss Hazel Reaveley

that. We have services every Sunday and Thursday for them and non-Christians. Forty people attend this service.

"I was so busy Christmas season night of 24th we did not sleep because we had worship at 11:00 p.m. and midnight lunch. Started Christmas carols at 2:00 a.m. When we finished it was 8:00 a.m. on the 25th. In the evening we had Christmas pageant, dramas and songs. New Year's Day we started to study Bible and have evangelical meetings. The guest speakers came from Tokyo and Kyoto. Young people studied 'Christian Young People and Modernism'."

To Know the Facts - A Christian Reading Room

By DAVID JOSEPH

RECENTLY I prayed the Lord and asked my Evangelistic Council to send a preacher to help me, and thank the Lord they sent one of my Indian brothers who is still with me.

We preached and preached but then, too, I had a complaint from some Muslims and Hindus that we can't get you to have a talk about the Christian religion. I said you can get me in the bazaar any time, but they said that they want to talk in private, so I asked them to call me to their house or come to mine, but they did not come.

After three days I again met them in bazaar and asked them the cause why they did not come, and at once they, a Muslim, replied, that you live among the Hindus so we did not like to come there.

I thought over this, also my house was in bad condition so when a better house was available I hired it, and as soon as I shifted in that house the Hindus at once stopped coming to me with the same trouble the Mohammedans had.

Then I was in trouble again and so I thought that I will open a "Christian Reading Room" in the bazaar, where all (I mean of any caste) men would come, so Evangelistic Council gave me permission to do so.

I hired a room where we get a beautiful vegetable market every day and the Datia people come to buy. I wish you were here to see the situation of this room.

In fact it is very small, I mean about 8′ x 12′ only. There are about twelve big posters, of Christian pictures with Bible verses, nailed on the wall which can be seen from the road clearly, also two beautiful sign-boards are nailed on the top of the front door. Also there is a long table 3′ x 6′ on which about twenty kinds of books (excluding the Bible and Bible portions) are kept for the non-Christian that they may come and read the books and ask us the things they don't understand.

Since the day I opened the Christian Reading Room there is no complaint from a Hindu or Muslim and many men come to this Room on the fixed days and get the Gospel message, read the books and takes away the Christian literature with them.

Many men have learned to read Hindi according to the Adult Literacy scheme and are now reading the Bible themselves. Many had the Christian books which they were searching from a long time. Two men are ready to make the Lord Jesus their personal Saviour, and many are interested.

Nowadays in Datia when somebody spreads something against the Christian religion they don't believe it or satisfy themselves by the old stories of Hindus or Muslims, but to know the facts they always remember the "Christian Reading Room".

LETTERS FROM JHANSI

Dear Friend,

The hostel is situated in a beautiful place. On the Mission Compound are many trees. Toward the north we see a range of low hills. The railway line runs along the edge of the Compound, and every day many trains come and go. Not far from our hostel is the Teachers' hostel.

In the hostel are girls from many different places. Both Primary School and high school girls live here. There are seven large dormitories in the hostel, and in each dormitory are fifteen to twenty girls. In each dormitory is a 'head girl' who is responsible for the girls keeping their own dormitory clean and tidy. There is a 'sick room', where girls who are ill stay. And of course, there are storerooms for trunks.

The girls get up at 5.15 a.m. The day's work begins with prayer. The girls are divided into work-groups for preparing the food, each group taking its turn. At 7.00 a.m. comes study hour; school opens at 9.00. At noon there is a half-hour recess, when we eat, and then school continues until 3.00 p.m. Over the hostel is the matron, who sees that every girls' living arrangement is satisfactory, and who is generally responsible.

In the hostel we girls have a good opportunity for learning much about domestic work. Preparing the grain, cooking the food, washing our own clothes, keeping our dormitories clean, helping to care for any who are sick — all this we do for ourselves. Not only this work is learned, but we are also educated in dealing and living with others; for instance in taking orders from those who are over us, to be on time in our work, paying our boarding expenses — that we may learn not to be extravagant. In boarding we learn many of those lessons which we will have to know when we get out of school and become a part of society. In knowing many girls from different places we learn of new ways of working, and new thoughts.

In the boarding we receive much spiritual teaching. Here we learn how to make the best use of our lives. Here our lives are protected. Because of all these things I love to live in boarding. I hope that you will understand this good life of ours. I conclude this description of hostel or boarding with love.

A Hostel Girl.

The above was written in Hindi by a school-girl, and then translated into English by a committee member.

Dear Friends,

It's a great delight to me in writing a few lines on the subject, "How I can serve Christ, being a Christian teacher".

"To serve some little child,
And so serve Thee,
To such a great task,
Oh Lord Thou has chosen me."

Acts 20:28A has helped me in this task a lot. Really God saved me wonderfully by shedding His blood. He has blotted out all my sins so that I may be a witness to all those who are in darkness. He gave me new light and He wants my light to shine.

It's my purpose to share my faith, fellowship and joy in Christ with the pupils I serve.

There are several opportunities of which I want to make great use. The school day begins with group worship, and each teacher has a turn to lead and tell the children about Christ. I am trying to win them by telling stories of Jesus with flannelgraph and by the stories of little children who gave their heart to Christ. It's my prayer that 'God help me to lead each soul to Thee'.

I have another opportunity in teaching one Bible Class of children studying in classes II AND III and also one Sunday School (Intermediate) class. I thank God for giving me this small mission field of children. With great hope I pray

God to save these souls who hear Thy Word. I am asking God to make me work for Thee. Thy grace is sufficient to win these little ones among whom I work to serve my Lord.

In our Christian Endeavour group we go once a month to preach among non-Christians living near. Regularly Christian Endeavour has a dedication service in which young people may renew their relationship with God, and some to surrender their life to Him. I help in singing.

In the W.M.S. Society, during school months I help, by telling about the mission work going on around the world. During these talks using flannelgraph showing the world and its population in each country, I impressed on how people are dying without receiving Christ. The number of those dying is greater than those receiving the Lord Jesus. I made them understand on the subject what we Christians are doing when we have received Jesus the Light of the world as our Saviour and Redeemer.

In my life I want to be a true Christian teacher and wish to lay every stone with prayer and patience. A teacher can fail to serve God if she loses her temper and patience. A teacher is also a preacher; she makes the houses which are unseen by eyes of men. I feel, "What sort of houses am I building in this precious service time?" I feel each child is God's creation, not one of them should stumble and get lost. I pray to God to give me strength to teach His children in His way and to win them for Christ.

A teacher in the Helen Macdonald School.

A young ordained pastor who works with Miss Reaveley writes:

We who are living in Chirgaon face difficulties in our work, such as some think we are working only for the low caste people while others would think that we are bribing some to become Christians; some would think that we deceive people, and so on, as we seek to preach the Gospel. Besides this we have four real enquirers. Two are Bania (salesmen) by caste, one Chanar and one Bara by caste.

These are a few of our methods we use in preaching, as sometimes we take a leaflet and read for them explaining as we read. Sometimes we may use a picture and tell a story. Sometimes we use one's testimony and this way tell them about Jesus Christ. We greatly stress the point that they are not believing the true God, and their only Redeemer is Jesus Christ.

These inquirers who are showing interest are afraid that the people of their caste will trouble them. One is even willing to become the servant of the Lord. The same difficulties are for the other two; one is afraid of being shot, while the other is afraid of his (Biradari) cast. They tell us these troubles.

NATIONAL MISSION NEWS ITEMS

(F.E.M.)

Besides the Nursery School at the Children's Centre, in Vancouver, there are two Mission Bands, two Explorer groups and a C.G.I.T. group. Many of the children from the Centre attend the Sunday School in Central Church.

KINDERGARTEN fees and donations received at the Vancouver Chinese mission in 1952 were sufficient to cover the cost of maintaining the school and the salary of the part-time assistant.

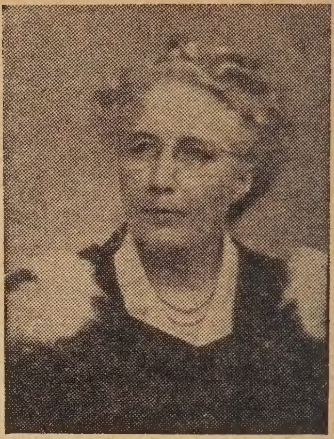
Miss Ruth Yeandle and Deidre at Chinese Mission, Vancouver.

In 1952, our Port worker — Miss Blackwell, met 77 boats in Montreal and Quebec.

The enrolment at our two Indian Residential schools at the beginning of February was 276 children.

Our six Hospital Visitors record their appreciation for assistance from Auxiliaries and groups at the Christmas season. Mrs. Leatherdale, Montreal, tells of choirs from Presbyterian congregations, who sang carols in the hospitals —

French — Eglise St. Luc, under direction of Louis Collard.
Italian — Beckwith Memorial — Mr. Frank Mariano, Director.
Chinese Community Centre — Miss Muriel Judd.
Young people from Tyndale House mission.
Presbyterian Young People's Society of Montreal — Douglas Mackie, Director.
Cub group — Knox Crescent and Kensington — under direction of Jean Howe.



Mrs. Ralston

DEDICATION of Assembly Hall

ON THE evening of January 28th, " a dream come true", for Mrs. H. R. Ralston, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School and those who are deeply interested in the School. An assembly hall was officially opened and dedicated.

Reverend J. A. MacInnis, B.A., B.D., D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, conducted the service of dedication in a short service under the chairmanship of Reverend Joseph Wasson, D.D., Chairman of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School Board.

Reverend E. A. Thomson, B.A., D.D., Secretary of the Board of Administration and Reverend James D. Smart, M.A., Ph.D., assisted in the service of worship.

Mrs. Ralston welcomed the guests and invited them to inspect the new Hall. The completion of the building which gives additional space for the activities of the students was a "dream come true", she said.

Dr. MacInnis congratulated Mrs. Ralston on the completion of the Hall. He spoke of meeting graduates of the School on his recent journey across Canada. From East to West in Canada, he found the deaconesses doing an extremely important piece of work. Not only do these women trained in our Training School serve as professional workers in many avenues of our Church's life, they are wives of ministers and laymen. Their contribution there is an important influence in our Church's life. The Moderator spoke of the historic place of women in the Church, from the very beginning of its history.

Miss Roma Rodd, Charlottetown, P.E.I., a third year student, spoke briefly on behalf of the students. "Life at Westminster House is an adventure, an adventure in meeting girls from many parts of the world. It is an adventure of sharing in fellowship as well as in academic training."

Reverend J. S. Glen, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Principal of Knox College, expressing the congratulations of the institution most closely linked with the Training School, expressed the belief that we have not yet realized the place that women have in the work of the Church. They should have every advantage in education and encouragement.

Reverend W. A. Cameron, B.A., D.D., Secretary for Overseas Missions of the General Board of Missions, believed that the best days for overseas missions are ahead. "God is leading us to all parts of the world to give leadership", he said. To show the importance of women in the world of tomorrow, Dr. Cameron pointed out that in India fifty million women voted in the last election. The opportunities offered to women workers are greater than ever before.

Staff quarters are on the second floor. The Hall extends to the left beyond the picture.

Mr. J. Dutton, Chairman of the Board of Administration, offered the congratulations of the Board which had the responsibility for financing the project.

Following the service the students served refreshments to the guests who enjoyed the opportunity to inspect the Hall, which besides providing recreational facilities, has living quarters for the household staff of the School.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS — CORRECTION

In the February issue of *Glad Tidings* we printed notice of proposed changes in the By-Laws which are to be considered at the Council Meeting in May. We, unfortunately made the ommission of a heading.

Will you turn to page 77 of the February issue and write in after number 8: PAGE 7 – REPRESENTATION TO ANNUAL MEETINGS – 2. SYNODICALS. All elected Synodical officers . . . to be met by her own group.

The Editor visits the
Chinese Institute in Toronto

The DOOR MARKED "4"

From the moment that Mrs. Lee opened the door marked "4" at the Chinese Institute in Toronto, I felt at home.

Every time I make my way to the Chinese centre in Toronto, I wonder why I do not make time to go more often. The last time I went, it was to the annual bazaar. I recalled the time, just before Christmas, when the rooms were gaily decorated, when counters were laden with lovely things — many of them not often seen in stores where we ordinarily shop. After we had looked at the things and had made purchase, we (Miss Matthew and Miss Irvine were there at that time too) had our supper, a delicious meal of Chinese food. The bazaar is an annual event, one for which much time is spent in preparation by the older people and one to which the younger ones look forward as a festive time. The money earned is spent on various things which will make their church life more effective.

The rooms were quiet now as I entered for the evening department group meeting. The Chinese in Toronto use a rented building for their services; much of the time, part of the building is used as a reading room, here Chinese come to read periodicals and books in their own language.

Mrs. Lee and Miss Fay McTavish were completing the plans for the meeting as I arrived. After a few minutes we hear 'clomp clomp' in the hall. "That will be Alan". Miss McTavish rose with a smile. You could see that Alan was a favourite. Soon the mem-

"There were refills . . .

bers had gathered and, while several children played in the adjoining room with the toys used by the Chinese kindergarten, the meeting went on. The business and worship were conducted and a short study of Jewish problems was heard. At the close of the meeting a steaming tea kettle appeared from some place outside the room and in a short while we were enjoying a very lovely tea party while we discussed things which could be made for next year's bazaar. The young women were very anxious to do something different yet they wanted to do things which would sell. Somehouw, in that meeting, the visitor could feel all at once the oneness of our work and indeed of the Church throughout the world.

A week or so later, I went back to the Chinese Institute. This time to take pictures of the kindergarten. It was lunch time, morning lunch for the children when I arrived. The first cups of milk were finished and there were refills for those who wanted them. "How do you like nursery school?" I asked one little fellow. "This *isn't* nursery school. This is Chinese kindergarten". They all have great pride in their group and they eagerly wait to hear what "McTavish" will have them do next in their play-work programme which starts them on the road to Christian knowledge and living.

Reverend Mr. Khan and Mrs. Khan are the leaders of the Chinese people in the Presbyterian Chinese centre in Toronto. Though they do not have a building which they can call their own, they hold church services in the large rooms of the Chinese Institute. Sunday School classes are held in Cooke's Church. A young people's society plays an important part in the activity at the centre. Classes are held

. . . for those who wanted them."

regularly for those who wish to learn English. Miss McTavish assists in these classes. Volunteer teachers from young women's groups in Toronto also assist and give valuable service. The younger women in the evening auxiliary meet once a month. The older women meet once a week.

We hope to tell you more often about the Chinese work in Toronto. They face many problems which you and I do not know about. There are home ties which are not easy to break in these trying days. There are many questions to be answered. They can only be answered in the light of Christian knowledge and faith. We can share with them by supporting them with our interest and our prayers.

"The Love of Christ Which Passeth Knowledge"

AN EASTER POEM

I bore with thee long weary days and nights
Through many pangs of heart, through many tears;
I bore with thee, thy hardness, coldness, slights,
For three and thirty years.

Who else had dared for thee what I had dared?
I plunged the depth most deep from bliss above;
I not My flesh, I not My spirit spared:
Give thou Me love for love.

For thee I thirsted in the daily drouth,
For thee I trembled in the nightly frost;
Much sweeter thou than honey to My mouth:
Why wilt thou still be lost?

I bore thee on My shoulders and rejoiced:
Men only marked upon My shoulders borne
The branding cross; and shouted hungrey-voiced,
Or wagged their heads in scorn.

Thee did nails grave upon My hands, thy name
Did thorns for frontlets stamp between Mine eyes;
I, Holy One, put on thy guilt and shame:
I, God, Priest, Sacrifice.

A thief upon My right hand and My left;
Six hours alone, athirst, in misery:
At length in death one smote My heart and cleft
A hiding-place for thee.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

PRESBYTERIAN TRAINING TEAMS

- You will be affected.
- Begin to plan now.

At the end of September, our Society will launch a new project to strengthen all branches of our work, train leaders for our youth groups, assist officers of auxiliaries and presbyterials, and give missionary information and inspiration. By the first of December, practically every presbyterial from Quebec to British Columbia will have shared in this Trans-Canada project.

Sixteen workers will participate in this project during the 10 weeks from September 28 to December 4. They will set out in teams of 4, including a national Organization secretary, a Regional Secretary, a missionary, and a lay expert. One member of our team will be a specialist in Children's work, another in Girls' Work and a third in the work of adult groups (Young Women, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries).

Each team will stay a week in a Presbyterial. Every evening during the week a meeting for missionary inspiration and leader and officer training will be held. To these meetings will come, each evening, leaders of Mission Bands, Explorers, and C.G.I.T. Groups, Church School teachers of children and teen-agers, and officers of Young Women's Evening and Senior Auxiliaries. During the evening they will listen to one of our missionaries tell of her work. Then there will be opportunities to discuss better methods for carrying out our tasks in the various branches of our Society.

All officers in auxiliaries and leaders of groups will want to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Your presbyterial will soon be announcing the date when a Training Team will visit your area. Circle the dates on your calendar early. Then watch THE GLAD TIDINGS for further information about the Presbyterial Training Teams.

An Easter Prayer

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Father of our risen Lord, gladly we would praise and thank Thee at this Easter season that through the incredible miracle of His glorious resurrection Thou didst establish for all time the victory over death and sin. We remember with deepest thankfulness how Jesus appeared again to His sorrowing disciples and friends removing from their hearts all sadness, doubt and loneliness, and leaving with them the Comforter, Thy Holy Spirit, to guide and strengthen them in the work committed to their charge.

We would fervently pray that we, too, may know the renewal of hope and strengthening of faith which Easter brings. Teach us to make our witness more effective. Help us, dear Father, to live more consistently as followers of the Master whom we believe to be 'the way, the truth and the life'.

We know that Thy laws are immutable and that it is man's disobedience to them which has caused the evils that now beset us on every hand. Humbly we ask that in Thy divine love and wisdom Thou wouldst empower all Christian people to share in changing the hearts of men so that there may be joy in heaven and peace in the world.

Then may we look for a triumphant Easter when earth and heaven shall together proclaim, "Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!" And to Thee, O Father, be ascribed all honour, praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Dr. H. R. Horne

Members of the Women's Missionary Society extend sympathy to Miss Helen Horne, Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Society, on the death of her father, Reverend Doctor H. R. Horne.

Dr. Horne was ill for some time in Toronto but he will be remembered throughout our Church for his work in the cause of missions. After serving in several pastorates in Ontario, Dr. Horne became Synodical missionary for Saskatchewan. He was known for his keen interest in the promotion of the work of our Church. Many young men and women who served under his direction remember him with love for he was a kindly man who never found it too troublesome to help a fellow worker along the way.

Dr. Horne is survived by his daughter, Miss Helen Horne and by two sons. We extend our sympathy to them at this time.

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

BOOKS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

DURING the past months this page has brought to your attention books about Africa which would be of interest for private reading as well as for use at meetings. Last month mention was made of a book and a digest which told of how the Church was working for human rights on this North American continent. In this month in which our thoughts turn particularly to Easter we suggest a few books which have been found helpful for private devotional reading.

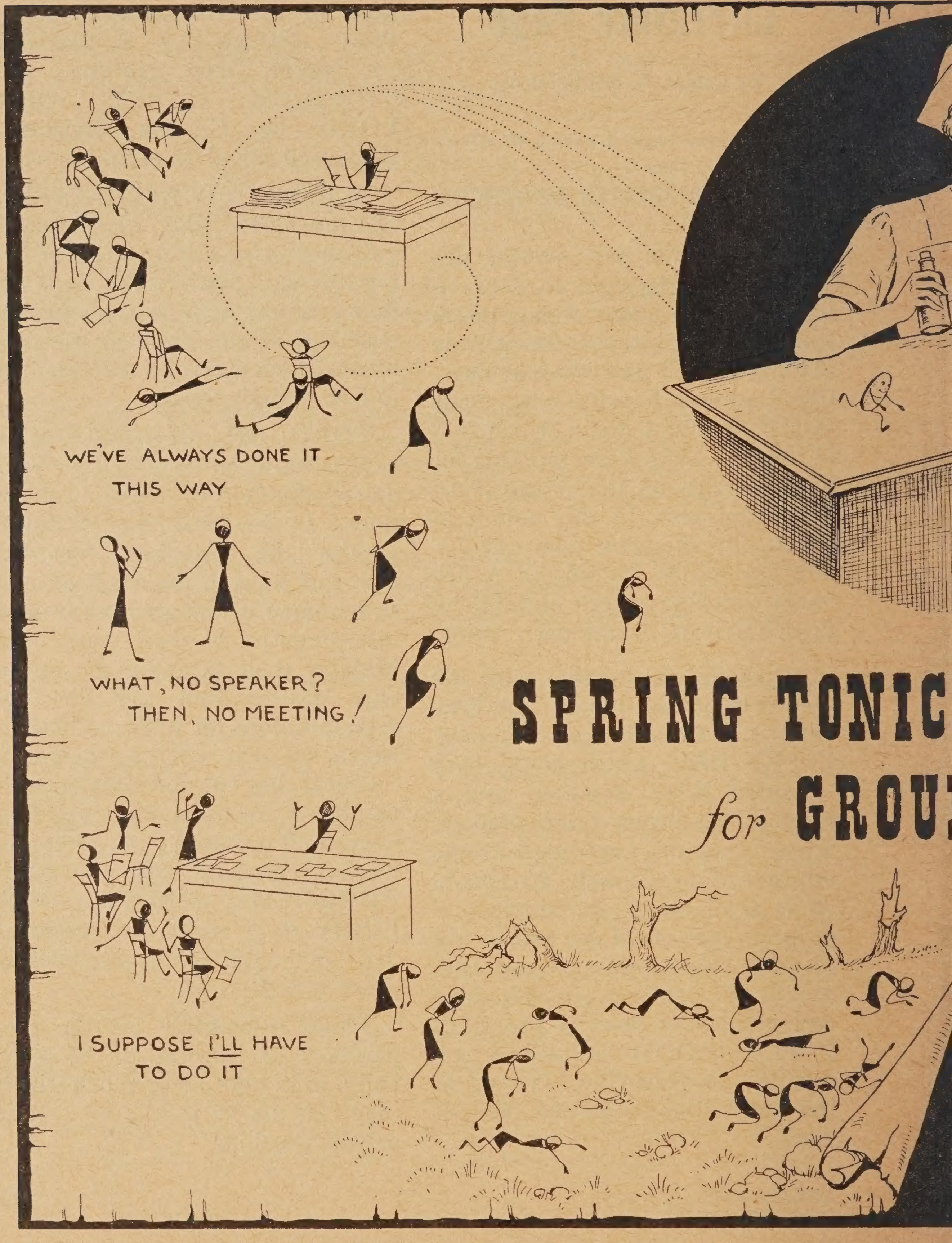
All should be familiar with the quarterly publication of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, EVERY DAY, which along with suggested Bible Readings and a short prayer brings brief commentaries on the day's reading by some minister of our Church. This booklet is available at the single subscription rate of .75 per year or five or more subscriptions to one address at .60 per year. In this same type of booklet there is also THE UPPER ROOM published bimonthly in Nashville, Tenne., at the subscription rate of .60 per year.

Two books which some have found most helpful are publications of the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press — EVERYDAY RELIGION by Joseph Fort Newton and THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD by Georgia Harkness, These sell for $1.25 each.

In EVERYDAY RELIGION Dr. Newton gives "wise, warmhearted guidance in practical Christian living for every day." In this book we find practical help in applying the teachings of the Bible to the problems which everyone is compelled to face in daily living.

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD has been described as "unique in the field of Christian devotions." In this book Miss Harkness applies the principal recorded words of Jesus to the needs of men and women as she gives a reverent interpretation of these words and explains their meaning for us today. Having done this she suggests questions for self-examination which she says will be "most successful if they cut and sting enough to throw us upon the forgiving mercy and power of God. "Suitable brief prayers are also included. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD is a guide to personal daily devotions for approximately a five month cycle.

Those responsible for the preparation of Services of Worship will find in both books much which they can use in public as well as private worship.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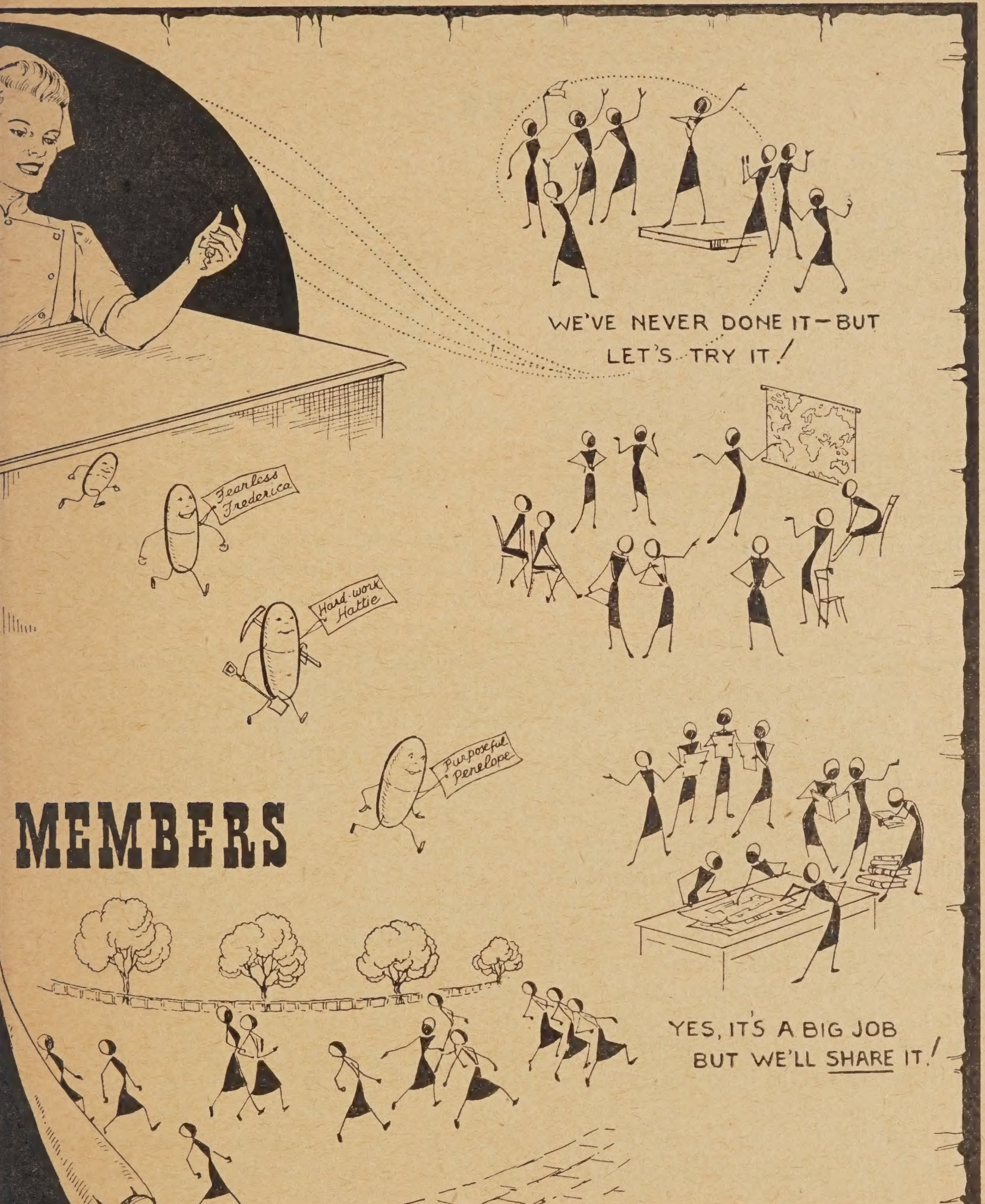
WE'VE NEVER DONE IT—BUT LET'S TRY IT!
Fearless Frederica
Hard-work Hattie
Purposeful Penelope
MEMBERS
YES, IT'S A BIG JOB BUT WE'LL SHARE IT!
A.A. TEATHER

Miss Teen-Ager

EASTER

One of the most joyous holidays in the year comes at Eastertime. We are conscious of its religious significance the solemn character of Good Friday and the joy and promise of Easter day. Also at Easter, we find ourselves eager to be out of doors as much as possible. Perhaps it is because everything is renewed at Easter. We see the buds beginning to form on the plants and each tree gives promise of wonderful fresh green leaves. Winter departs, voluntarily, and we are gay and expectant.

EASTER MEANS DAWN

Long ago, in Britain, the people worshipped a goddess named Estra, the goddes of dawn and spring, and they called April the Estra-month in her honour. Later, Christian missionaries brought the Christian message to them. Then they celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but they were allowed to keep the name Easter.

EASTER CUSTOM

Many customs have grown around the celebration of Easter. Some of them are of pagan origin. We have discarded some, but many still exist. Could it be possible that the celebration of Sunrise Services so popular with our girls' groups, originated in England in the early centuries when people used to rise early to watch the sunrise, because it was believed that the sun danced on Easter day?

Religious in character was the belief that Christ would come to earth again on Easter Day; thus many people kept watch all night in the churches, so that they might be in His House when He appeared.

Most of us have at some time coloured eggs at Easter. This custom is popular in many lands. How we began to associate eggs with Easter is rather indefinite, but we do know that the early Egyptians regarded the egg as a symbol of creation. Later, when they became Christians, they thought of the Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead as new creation, and they retained the symbol which to them meant Life. Then, too, Christians compared the egg to the tomb and the breaking of the shell to the breaking of the shackles of the tomb at the time of Jesus' resurrection from the grave.

The colours used to colour eggs also have significance.

Red — to show that Christ shed His blood for us.

Gold — to remind us of the Treasures awaiting us in Heaven.

Green — the colour of the world at Easter time.

White — to indicate the purity of our souls.

The Easter Lily, during the middle ages, was our Daffodil, which the people called "Golden Lily", and in Greek mythology we read of Persophene returning from Hades with his arms full of these flowers.

In Europe, today, many families give each other gifts of clothing at Easter time, here in Canada, most of us have something new to wear at Easter. It is believed that this custom originated as a symbol of the new life which appears all around us in the spring.

CHRIST IS RISEN

Long ago, Easter was called the "Joyful Sunday." It was the most important Sunday in the year. As Christian met Christian in the street, they would greet each other by saying "Christ is Risen" and back would come the joyful reply "He is risen indeed".

BIBLE QUIZ

For Primary Children 6-8 years

X. Who was the first man made by God?
1. Who was the good man who built a big boat as God asked him to do so that he and his family and many animals could be saved when a great flood came?
2. Who was the baby boy who was put in a basket and hidden among the bulrushes in a river?
3. Who was asked to take off his shoes as he stood before a burning bush because God was there?
4. What people walked through a sea on dry land to escape from their enemies?
5. Who was the little boy to whom God spoke in the temple during the night?
6. Who killed a giant with a sling shot?
7. Who was the little girl who told how a great man might be cured of leprosy by going to the man of God?
8. Who spent a night in a lion's den because he would not worship an idol?
9. Why was Jesus born in a manger?
10. What little boy shared his lunch with Jesus?

There are several ways this quiz could be used

1. Have one person ask the questions and the others write down the answers. Then check with the answers on Pages 175.
2. Without looking at the answers on Page 175 put answers in the squares below, then look to see how many are correct.
3. The girls and boys may wish to quiz their parents.

PRIMARY

X. Adam	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

BIBLE QUIZ

For Junior Children 9-11 years

X. Who were the first persons to sin against God?
1. Who asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
2. Whom did God ask to leave the country where he lived and be the father of a great nation?
3. Who dreamt that the saw a ladder stretching up to Heaven and angels going up and down it?
4. Who wore a coat of many colours and was sold as a slave by his own brothers? Genesis 37:23-28. Wouldn't you like to read the whole story?
5. Who saw a burning bush and was commanded by God to lead his people out of Egypt to another land? Perhaps you would like to read on and see what happened.
6. What woman who was not an Israelite was a good daughter and said, "Whither thou goest I will go and where thou lodgest I will lodge, thy people shall be my people and thy God, my God"? Read the whole book of Ruth for an interesting story.
7. Who was very tall handsome man who was the first king of Israel.
8. What two young men loved one another very, very much?
9. Who was the great king who prayed God to give him wisdom?
10. Who was the woman whose meal and oil never were done because she was willing?

There are several ways this quiz could be used

1. Have one person ask the questions and the others write down the answers. Then check with the answers on Pages 175.
2. Without looking at the answers on Page 175 put answers in the squares below, then look to see how many are correct.
3. The girls and boys may wish to quiz their parents.

JUNIOR

X. Adam & Eve	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DIARY

Mrs. A. B. Cruichshank

It is some time now since the members of the staff at 100 Adelaide Street West, in Toronto have seen Mrs. Cruichshank coming and going to the various committees which she attended as a member of Council Executive. She came and went so quietly — sometimes just a wave of the hand to let us know she knew we were there but did not want to disturb us — that we did not realize that she was so ill. We felt that though she were away for a while that she would soon be back with us. But we were not to have the pleasure of having her among us again.

We are missing the cheery smile, the sharing of a joke, the understanding that Mrs. Cruickshank had for the girls who were seeking to do their bit in the Society which she loved and of which she was tremendously proud.

Department of Overseas Missions

We will be writing more about the annual meeting of the Department of Overseas Missions in the next issue, but I thought you might like to know the part that Presbyterian representatives played in the activities. First of all, the president of the newly organized branch of the Canadian Council of Churches (you will remember that this group used to be known as the Canadian Overseas Mission Council), is Miss Laura K. Pelton. Miss Pelton became president under the sad circumstances of the death of Dr. McLaurin, but enters upon a new year of work as president in her own right.

At the first session, members of the inter-church missionary educations committee told of the work done by member units of the field of missionary education. Miss Louise Reith reported for our Society and Dr. Cameron for Board of Missions committee on missionary education. You would have been proud of the Presbyterian presentation. Later in the meetings, our Society was commended for studying a country in which we have no mission. It was pointed out that in this day when the world is so small, we need to see the whole picture of Christian missions, not just the particular field in which we have missionaries. It was felt that we were accepting this responsibility by studying Africa this year.

Several Ways of Looking At It

Not long ago, three members of your staff sought to increase knowledge and their cultural background by going to the local art gallery. There were several exhibitions on display but one which set us thinking was an exhibition of water colours by Canadian painters. I do not suppose that the art training of any of us was more than that necessary to receive the proper certificates to allow us to enter our chosen profession. Therefore we were not viewing the pictures as critics. Our first reaction was one of bewilderment. The pictures hanging all about us seemed to move in upon us and we wanted to strike beck, or protect ourselves in some way from an unsympathetic encounter. I hastily went to secure a guide book which would help us interpret. When I came back, one of the ladies was gestulating wildly, but triumphantly. She had discovered what one picture was about. The second, was sitting dejectedly in front of a particularly large and violently coloured masterpiece. She could not understand why the piece was there and her lack of interpretation filled her with dismay.

We studied the collection with a great deal of interest and enjoyment. As we left we were all a bit wistful. None of the Canadian collection had answered any artistic appeal within us. Though we realize that an artist like a writer must have freedom of expression, and must paint things as he sees them, we wonder if our Canadian life was as devoid of beauty and inspiration as these pictures seemed to indicate. We do not believe so, for in Christian thinking, the darkness which is all about us in the world is pierced with a ray of enchanting colours, colours which enfold the darkness so that it becomes calm and quiet and at rest. We would add the ray of Hope to our paintings.

Miss Beatrice Worthington

I have been feeling very sorry for myself these days for my very able assistant has felt called to leave the services of our Society for work elsewhere. For almost eight years Bea. Worthington has worked in the Glad Tidings Department, serving as secretary-bookkeeper. Many have come to know her through correspondence dealing with subscriptions. Many have met her in our offices and at Council meetings. I am sure that you will share with her colleagues in Toronto a regret at her leaving but also wish her happiness in her new ventures.

Answers to Primary Bible Quiz

x. Genesis 1:26, 27 and 2:19; 1. Genesis 6:13 and 8:22; 2. Exodus 2:1-10; 3. Exodus 3:2-5; 4. Exodus 14:13-31; 5. I Samuel 3:1-18; 6. I Samuel 174-50; 7. IIKings 5:1-14; 8. Daniel 6:4-23; 9. Luke 2:1-20; 10. John 6:5-13.

Answers to Junior Bible Quiz

x. Genesis 3:1-6; 1. Genesis 4:3-16; 2. Genesis 12:1, 2; 3. Genesis 28:10-22; 4. Genesis 37:1-47 to 47:10; 5. Exodus 3:1-12; 6. Ruth 1:16; 7. I Samuel 8:19-10:24; 8. I Samuel 18:1-4; 9. I Kings ':7-14; 10. I Kings 17:10-16.

An Evening Department Conference 1953

The evening department of the three Eastern Synodical Societies hold their bi-annual conference this year.

The conference is being held in **New Westminster Church, Hamilton, May 15-16-17th.**

The conference theme is "Our Commission". **Miss Laura K. Pelton** is the theme speaker.

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WORLD CHURCH NEWS

WELFARE WORK IN GERMANY

A brief pamphlet on the social Welfare task confronting the Churches in Germany has been published by the Halfswerk of the Evangelical Church in Germany. It estimates the influx of displaced persons, expellees, and refugees into Western Germany at more than nine and a half million. Over twelve million up-rooted people exist in Germany today. These statistics, it says, represent people – people who, like you, are sons of God. Germany is divided, this statement says. It is the Church's task to keep the people who are divided outside from falling apart inside. There are a few wealthy Germans, this report continues, but the majority just struggle through, living on a average of fifty dollars per month, with coffee five dollars a pound and shoes ten dollars a pair. Germany has only seventy-nine per cent of the housing it needs and much of this, it says, is really not fit for human beings. Churches of other countries have helped with food, clothing and other supplies totalling eighty-five thousand tons and with large gifts of money. The German Churches themselves have collected twenty-thousand tons of food and clothing, and seventy-five million Deutsche Marks in money for relief. They have reconstructed three thousand Churches, homes and institutions, and have sponsored the building of eight thousand six hundred and sixty-eight housing units. The Churches in Germany, the leaflet concludes, must continue assistance to the needy.

AID TO REFUGEES IN EUROPE

The Ford Foundation has made a grant of two million nine hundred thousand dollars for aid to refugees in Europe. This grant has been given in response to an appeal made to the Ford Foundation by the four major voluntary agencies engaged in refugee work in conjunction with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Provisional Inter-Governmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe. The four voluntary agencies are the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the American Joint Distribution Committee. The fund will be administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, and the work will be carried out by these agencies.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE British Columbia Synodical Executive entertained Miss Dorothy Douglas, missionary on furlough from Formosa, in Mount Pleasant Church, **Vancouver.** Afterwards Miss Douglas addressed a public meeting telling of the evangelistic work being done in the schools and hospitals of Formosa and of the progress she has seen in the past twenty-five years among the Christians there. Greetings were brought to the meeting by Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions Executive Secretary, and Miss Lily Simpson of Jobat, India, spoke briefly.

VICTORIA Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria.** The President, Mrs. H. Warren, was in the chair. The theme was "Glad Tidings", John 3:17. The reports all showed an upward trend in work and interest. The study on South America was used extensively throughout the various groups. One honorary and three Life Memberships were presented throughout the year and there were two chevron groups in the C.G.I.T. The Treasurer's report showed the allocation of $2,000 was exceeded by $38.32.

The Young Women's and Evening Departments were in charge of the evening meeting when Miss Dorothy Douglas spoke on the work of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President, Miss Douglas and Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary, were guests at all sessions. Mrs. Murdoch gave a summary of the mission work at home and abroad during the past year. She conducted the installation of the officers.

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — At a well attended meeting of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Church, **New Westminster,** Miss Dorothy Douglas gave a stirring message on her work in Formosa and emphasized the great need for further efforts to Christianize the people. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Murdoch, Synodical President.

At first meeting of the year for Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** a very thought provoking message was given by Mrs. D. A. Smith on "The Importance of Little Things". She stressed the need for little kindnesses especially to our new Canadians who are coming to our Church. Mrs. Basey, the Welcome and Welfare Secretary in her report stated three new Canadians had joined our Church and eight children were attending Sunday School and Mission Band. The Treasurer reported that the allocation for the General Fund had been oversubscribed. Mrs. George Bell, second Vice-President of the Presbyterial, installed the officers for 1953. Mrs. E. P. Fox is President for another year.

ALBERTA

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RED DEER, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of Calgary Presbyterial was held in North Hill Church, **Calgary,** in February. A well attended prayer service was held the previous evening at Knox Church. More than sixty-five delegates from Calgary, Banff and Three Hills registered for the one-day session. Mrs. J. G. Moors was elected President. The afternoon session began with a service of worship, and a memorial service for Mrs. R. J. Edgar was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Jamieson. Reports from auxiliaries revealed an increase in membership and givings in 1952 with most groups exceeding their allocation. A letter from the Synodical regarding the increased allocation for 1953 was read by the Treasurer, Mrs. John Marshall, and the amount of $8,485 was accepted by the meeting. The Rev. R. M. Esler installed the new officers.

At the evening session reports from the young women's groups and girls' organizations were read and discussed. Several selections were sung by Chalmers Church junior choir and North Hill choir. By happy coincidence Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions Executive Secretary, was able to be present at the meeting and spoke a few words. Dr. A. F. Howick addressed the meeting taking as his theme "Life's most challenging adventure".

EDMONTON Presbyterial — Mrs. J. Kelman was re-elected President at the annual meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial held in First Church, **Edmonton,** in January. The Rev. E. J. White, minister of First Church gave words of welcome commending the Women's Missionary Society for the work they are doing. He gave an interesting report of the work being done in churches of the Presbytery. The departmental reports were good and showed considerable progress. The allocation for the General Fund has been exceeded. The Historian paid tribute to Dr. D. G. and Mrs. McQueen. Mrs. J. Anderson, hospital visitor for Edmonton, is doing a splendid work in bringing cheer to the sick. She works in co-operation with the Presbytery.

An interesting Presbyterial Executive meeting was held in First Church, Edmonton, in February with Mrs. A. L. Forrester, Vice-President, presided in the absence of Mrs. J. Kelman. Three new members to the Executive were welcomed, Mrs. H. Siemens, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. K. Hutchinson, Literature Secretary and Mrs. R. Haynes, **Glad Tidings** Secretary. A motion was passed that a young women's camp at Sylvan Lake be sponsored and publicized. Mrs. H. G. Marsh and Miss M. Harback are making arrangements for Miss Dorothy Douglas on furlough from Formosa, to meet with University students on March 8th. Reports were heard from the welcome and Welfare Secretary and Supply Secretary.

Mrs. R. Paterson and Mrs. A. E. Davies were honoured on their retirement from office in St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton. These sisters had served twenty-one and twenty-six years respectively as Secretary and Treasurer of this auxiliary.

Mrs. F. Szymiec and Mrs. J. Barnes arranged an entertainment for St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Home Helper members and the girl Explorers in January. Mrs. T. G. Gray introduced the new secretary, Mrs. G. Allanach to the Home Helpers. Pictures on David Livingstone's life in Africa were shown.

MACLEOD Presbyterial — A highly successful annual meeting of Macleod Presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, **Medicine Hat,** with delegates from Lethbridge and Macleod. A supper meeting following the afternoon business session was a departure from the customary morning and afternoon gathering and proved to be a very fine arrangement by allowing many more to participate. During the afternoon, Mrs. W. R. Rutherford and Mrs. R. E. Forde of the Ruby Walker Guild were in charge of the devotional period. The Treasurer stated that the allocation had been met and reports from other secretaries were equally favourable. Miss Ann Bain, deaconess in Lethbridge told a little about her work there. Miss MacDonald of the Senior Auxiliary, closed the afternoon session with prayer.

Following the supper attended by more than fifty local auxiliary members, delegates and guests, Miss Flora Whiteford conducted a "quiz" on the responsibilities and duties of the various secretaries of the Presbyterial. Rev. R. L. Taylor then brought greetings from the Presbytery of Macleod. The guest speaker, Mrs. J. Kelman, President of Edmonton Presbyterial, was introduced by Mrs. G. G. Elder, President of Macleod Presbyterial. In dealing with her subject, "Why Missions?", Mrs. Kelman stated that while many doors are closing, there are still plenty open in Canada. She urged lay workers to use "that which God has entrusted to us" in carrying on the work of spreading the Gospel, especially among the children, lest there be no interest to continue "foreign missions" when the opportunity arises. Miss M. Quickfall conducted the installation service for the new officers.

RED DEER Presbyterial — Knox Church Auxiliary, **Carstairs,** got away to a good start for 1953. A Mission Band has now been organized. The Auxiliary has begun the study on Africa and a scrapbook is being kept for the year with the members collecting items for it. A number of the ladies had attended the Presbyterial in Red Deer, and all were very happy to hear they had met their allocation for 1952.

SASKATCHEWAN

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WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW Presbyterial — Miss Lily Simpson speaking at the morning service on February 15th in her "home church" at **Weyburn,** stressed the urgent need for a doctor to serve in the Bhil Field, India, and she asked that the need be remembered in prayer. Miss Simpson is returning to her work in India after spending a year's leave of absence in Canada and many hopes and prayers will accompany her.

PRINCE ALBERT Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, **Prince Albert,** January 14th, 15th. The theme was "Prepare Ye the Way". The President, Miss I. Bailey, of Clouston, presided at all sessions. Miss Bailey extended a welcome to delegates and visiting members of auxiliaries in the Prince Albert area. Encouraging reports were read and approved. They showed increases in both members and activities in all branches. The Rev. H. K. Caslor gave the report of camp activities. Rev. George Dobie was the guest speaker at the evening meeting. The following morning the Nominating Committee presented the slate of new officers for consideration. Mrs. F. M. Glazier of Tisdale headed the new officers as President. Mrs. M. Williamson installed and charged the officers and closed the gathering with prayer.

REGINA Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Women's Federation of First Church, **Regina,** took the form of a luncheon, held in the church parlours. The Rev. George Dobie, Superintendent of Missions for Saskatchewan, was the guest speaker and gave an inspiring talk on the need for expansion of the work of our Church. Annual reports were given and showed that the Federation had enjoyed a most successful year. Activities within the Church were many and varied and the allocation of $800.00 for missions was realized. The retiring President, Mrs. J. A. Browne, was presented with gifts from the Federation. Mrs. Edwin Sneath was elected President for the coming year. Mrs. N. D. Kennedy installed the newly-elected officers.

Under the leadership of Mrs. H. Estabrook, the C.G.I.T. of First Church, Regina, held a Christmas vesper service. There were five candlelighters. Dr. Kennedy told a Christmas story. The Explorers and their chief counsellors attended in a group. The recessional in the glow of candlelight, concluded a very impressive service.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, **Brandon.** Mrs. J. G. McBurney of Hartney presided. Splendid reports of the year's work were presented showing a marked increase in some departments. A most interesting discussion on reports was led by Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, assisted by Mrs. J. McLeod.

The funeral service for Mary Thomson, aged 92, was held at Knox Church, **Neepawa,** January 22nd with Rev. Douglas Anderson officiating. Mrs. Thomson, the former Mary Connell, was born at Harriston, Ontario, in 1860 and received her education there. She came to the Stoney Creek district, Neepawa, in 1888 as the bride of the late William Thomson. Here they farmed until retirement to Neepawa, in 1920, where Mr. Thomson died in 1939. Mrs. Thomson was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church which she served faithfully for over sixty-four years and gave outstanding leadership in the W.M.S. of which she was a life member for over fifty years. Her daily pattern of living was an influence for good in the Church and community.

SUPERIOR Presbyterial — A steady and consistent increase in all departments of work provided a gratifying note to the annual sessions of the Superior Presbyterial held February 12th in First Church, **West Fort William.** Delegates from the twin cities, as well as from Geraldton and Fort Frances, gathered for the meeting and heard officers review the past year's activities which showed that the allocation for the year had been reached and exceeded. Mrs. G. P. Stirrett, Port Arthur, who presided for the sessions, was re-elected President for another term.

The delegates were fortunate in having with them Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, who led in the discussions on the reports presented by the various officers. In compiling reports she pointed out that it was well to keep in mind activities and events which could be used by the historian in compiling a complete story of the organizations. An insight into the problems confronting educationists working with the Indian population in the Kenora district, was presented by Mrs. J. C. E. Andrews, matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey School for Indian children at Kenora, who was guest speaker at the sessions. There is a great need, the speaker averred, for social workers and clergymen to go among the Indians, working with the adults and through them creating an understanding of what the schools are trying to do for their children.

In a brief presidential address, Mrs. Stirrett, voiced appreciation to the officers for their co-operation. Mrs. W. A. Nairn in reporting as Corresponding Secretary, noted an increase in membership and Mrs. J. W. Fraser in presenting the financial statement, noted that each department had exceeded last year's effort. Mrs. A. Cardy conducted a model Mission Band meeting. The Rev. G. E. Bastedo brought greetings from the Kirk Session of First Church and from the Synod of Manitoba, and congratulated the W.M.S. groups upon their splendid achievements. Greetings were also brought by the following, Rev. J. A. McMahon, First Church, Port Arthur, Rev. A. H. Johnston from the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, Mr. J. Fidler, Gresley Park Kirk Session and the Rev. W. Ross, Oliver Road Kirk Session. Mrs. W. S. Nairn also voiced the best wishes of the Manitoba Synodical Society, which she pointed out had gone "Well over the top" during the past year. Mrs. H. Dalzell, of the Baptist Church Association, Mrs. M. Cochran from the Anglican Church, Mrs. A. A. Newert of the United Church Presbyterial were present and brought greetings.

In radio programme style Miss MacNaughton conducted a questionnaire on girls' work, interviewing Mrs. J. Fidler, Mrs. C. Stewart and Mrs. D. MacDougall. Mrs. Andrew's, who with Mr. Andrews served on a mission field in China, spoke during the evening session on mission work abroad. She spent three years in China, having been sent out by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but worked under the direction of the Church of Christ in China, which she pointed out was supported by various denominations from various countries. The mission, she said, had been able to train some very capable native leaders, and these she felt, would continue to carry on despite communist influence. The new officers were installed in an impressive service by the Rev. G. Bastedo.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, FRONT ST.,
CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

CHATHAM Presbyterial—Mrs. Noble Law, President, presided over the 39th annual meeting held in **Windsor.** Last year's allocation was exceeded by several hundred dollars and the new increased allocation for 1953 was accepted. All reports showed good missionary endeavour during the year. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, was the speaker and she challenged all missionary women to enlarge their mission givings, stating that during the past fifteen years the cost of missionary work had increased 50%. For her afternoon address Miss Pelton chose the theme "The news behind the news". Miss Pelton said the missionary obligation of the Church has been an obligation previously considered for a select few . . . but for the Christian there is an inescapable missionary obligation . . . working for missions is part of Church membership. Miss Pelton urged that all missionary groups take this as a basis for their appeal for increased W.M.S. membership. The evening session was presided over by the Evening Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Tait, and at this session Miss Pelton spoke on the Willingen conference.

St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Windsor,** also **Dresden** Auxiliary at their regular meetings are both using the new study book on Africa and Dresden reports that many of their members attended the Presbyterial meeting and St. Andrew's ladies are looking forward to the World Day of Prayer being held in their church this year.

The Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Windsor, took charge of the supper at the annual Presbyterial meeting.

HAMILTON Presbyterial marked its 75th anniversary at the annual Presbyterial meeting. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President, brought greetings and installed the new officers. A floral remembrance service for all who had served through the years and had entered into eternal rst was a sacred part of this service. All the reprints were good and that of the Treasurer showed the 1952 allocation had been exceeded by $1,328.00. Several friends from Niagara Presbyterial were present for this happy occasion and worship services were conducted by three Past Presidents, Miss Annie Ritchie, Mrs. W. I. McLean and Miss Blanche Armstrong.

To mark the 75th anniversary of Hamilton Presbyterial Mrs. D. M. Allan addressed the Hamilton Presbytery, giving an interesting resume of the beginning and growth of all W.M.S. branches within the Presbyterial, especially the training of the young in Mission Bands, Explorer and C.G.I.T. groups.

A very special 70th anniversary occasion of Knox Church Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** on October 12th was presided over by Mrs. Wm. Weaver, President. The Mission Band was also celebrating a 70th anniversary. Miss Laura K. Pelton was the speaker and the Rev. W. K. Palmer extended greetings with Mrs. Duncan Allan and Miss M. B. McQuesten bringing Presbyterial greetings.

The Youth Groups at St. John Church, Hamilton (C.G.I.T., Explorers, Guides and Scouts), held a joint Youth service Sunday morning, February 8th, which a large congregation enjoyed. From the pulpit Rev. Norman MacDonald addressed a message in keeping with this Youth fellowship. All C.G.I.T. groups will use the service prepared especially for the World Day of Prayer at their regular meeting.

LONDON Presbyterial — All records were shattered by the greatest representation of district members, 224 being registered, for the 39th annual Presbyterial meeting in Alma St. Church, **St. Thomas,** presided over by Mrs. J. R. Waldie, retiring President.

The theme for all sessions was "The Living Christ". The sub-theme for morning "Foundations" was taken by Rev. H. S. Rodney, minister of Knox Church, St. Thomas. In the afternoon Fingal Auxiliary took "The Way" as their portion, and "Hope" the evening key note was taken by Rev. J. K. West of Alma Street Church. Greetings from Presbytery were brought by the Rev. H. S. Rodney, Moderator of London Presbytery.

All Secretaries reports bespoke much missionary activity and the Treasurer reported the 1952 allocation of $9,000 had been over-subscribed by $1,045.00. The 1953 increased allocation was accepted.

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Children's Secretary on Council Executive, as the afternoon speaker said that "Dollars, not Dimes, were needed for the great work of missions". In describing the great expansions possible the speaker lamented, "We're putting dimes on the collection plate instead of dollars", and she pleaded for surrendered lives and personal witness for Christ. Mrs. F. C. Knox, missionary on furlough from India, was the speaker in the evening and described a typical day in a missionary's life, stating, "There is such need in India . . . and so few to help". The Evening and Young Women's Departments presented a portable record player to be used by Mrs. Wm. Weir in her visits to London hospitals, Beck Memorial Sanitarium and the Homes for the Aged.

Elmwood Avenue Auxiliary, **London,** recently honoured a very faithful retiring Treasurer, Miss Christina Waters, who has held the office of Treasurer for the past twenty-six years.

The ladies of the Wilkie Evening Auxiliary, Hamilton Road Church, London, were entertained at the home of Mrs. D. P. McHarg, and during the evening they honoured their hostess for her untiring work in the Women's Missionary Society.

MAITLAND Presbyterial — This is a big month in this Presbyterial for **Wingham** is to be the place for the 39th annual Synodical Meeting, April 21, 22, 23, and all the ladies of the Presbyterial are busily making plans to welcome the delegates and friends for what promises to be a wonderful annual meeting.

NIAGARA Presbyterial — The 2nd annual meeting of the new Presbyterial was held in January in St. Andrew's Church, **Welland,** with Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Presiding. The roll call brought a goodly response from the many auxiliaries attending. Niagara Presbyterial exceeded its 1952 allocation by 20%. Miss Lettie Whittaker, Honorary President, on behalf of the Presbyterial accepted the 1953 allocation. All reports gave much promise for this new Presbyterial.

The Rev. D. D. Davidson, minister of the church, opened the meeting with morning worship. Rev. N. Novak, pastor of Welland Hungarian Presbyterian Church and Rev. Herbert J. Scott of Beamsville, Moderator of the Presbytery, also spoke bringing greetings. Rev. R. M. Ransom, a former missionary in Yunnan, China, and now minister in Fort Erie, gave a splendid afternoon address paying tribute to an elderly Chinese Biblewoman, associated with their mission, who travelled over 1,500 miles, rejecting her pittance of salary, to urgently bear Christian witness and daily service. Mrs. H. S. Reid of Council Executive was the evening speaker. She challenged her listeners to greater activity and giving in the Women's Missionary Society.

St. Andrew's Ladies' Guild, Welland, is an affiliated group of the W.M.S. At a recently convened monthly missionary night, led by Mrs. A. R. Turnbull, Presbyterial Press Secretary, a presentation was made to Miss Isabel Matheson, Miss J. Jeffrey, Miss Eva Payne and Mrs. Eva M. Seger.

PARIS Presbyterial — The Presbyterial observed its 68th annual meeting, January 15th, in Alexandra Church, **Brantford,** with ninety-one answering the roll call. In the afternoon Miss Bessie MacMurchy ,Reg. N., of the Bhil Field, India, was the special speaker. The Rev. J. R. Esler installed the new officers and all the secretaries had splendid reports, with the Treasurer reporting the 1952 allocation exceeded by $380.00.

The **Paris** Evening Auxiliary had Miss Helen Mackintosh as the special speaker for their January meeting. Miss Mackintosh, as a former Editor of **The Glad Tidings,** gave an address on the early history of mission work, also a splendid background on conditions in Africa, preparatory to the commencement of the study on Africa.

SARNIA Presbyterial met in Guthrie Church, **Alvinston,** in January for the 39th annual Presbyterial meeting. One hundred and thirty-nine people answered the roll call and some very fine reports of the work done in 1952 were given. The address of Miss Helen Horne, Recording and Corresponding Secretary on Council Executive, stressed the very urgent need for more missionaries in the foreign fields. In taking each letter of the word "Opportunity" Miss Horne gave a splendid lesson from each bringing much inspiration as well as educational value to the meeting.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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GUELPH Presbyterial—Knox-Paisley Block Auxiliary, **Guelph,** would like to pay tribute to Misses Helen and Margaret Whitelaw, aged 84 and 92, the last surviving members of their family, who passed away within a week of each other during October. They spent most of their lives on the farm where they were born in the Paisley Block district of Guelph Township, but had lived in Guelph for several years. All their lives until just a few months before they died, they had been in regular attendance at Knox Church, Guelph, and at the meetings of Kno-Paisley Block Auxiliary. Even in the last few months of their lives, when failing health made attendance impossible they maintained their interest. The example of these quiet, devoted women was an inspiration to those who knew them.

KINGSTON Presbyterial — The Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Kingston,** held its first monthly meeting for the year in the church hall, with the President, Mr. C. W. Workman, in the chair. Reports were presented and finances discussed. The programme for the year was outlined and the study is to be **Africa, Contrasts and Conflicts.** Miss Isabel Laird of the Department of Psychology, Queen's University, has kindly consented to address the April meeting on the topic, "Prejudice is Alive".

With the help of a large wall map, made before the South African War to show Livingstone's work, Miss W. Gordon pointed out the outstanding changes which have occurred in the vast continent through wars and exploration and treaties among European nations. She showed by references to contemporary writers, the accessibility today of parts of Central Africa by air.

The Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. Auxiliary of **Sandhill** met at the home of Mrs. James Greenless, the President, who opened the meeting. Mrs. George Johnston led in prayer. Reports of the Kingston Presbyterial meeting were given by Mrs. Greenlees and Mrs. MacDonald.

ST. PETER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, **Madoc,** lost by death a most devoted and faithful member when Mrs. George West, beloved wife of the Senior Elder died on January 7th. Mrs. West was a life-long attendant and served her church for many years as a leader in the Ladies' Aid and as a Sunday school teacher. She also took a great interest in the Women's Missionary Society which honoured her with a Life Membership. Her passing is deeply mourned by the congregation and a large circle of friends.

TORONTO EAST Presbyterial held their annual meeting in Calvin Church, **Toronto,** presided over by Mrs. J. A. Newstead. Mrs. J. G. Inkster led in the discussion on the reports at the morning session. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, who spoke on our National work. Mrs. A. S. Curr brought greetings from Toronto West Presbytreial and Mrs. A. R. McMurrich conducted the installation of the new officers. The evening meeting was addressed by the Rev. Robert Barr, who spoke of his work while minister of a European church in Cape Town, South Africa, and illustrated it with films.

TORONTO WEST Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Toronto. The speakers were Rev. W. A. Cameron, B.A., D.D., Overseas Secretary of the General Board of Missions, Mrs. Paul Roberts of "The Voice of the Andes" mission and Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Miss A. Cheyne, Treasurer, presented an encouraging report.

At the January Executive meeting of the Presbyterial Mrs. T. L. Williams, rural vice-president, received an Honorary Membership certificate. The presentation was made by Mrs. H. L. Wood.

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GLENGARY Presbyterial — Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, President of the Presbyterial, presided at the annual meeting held in St. John's Church, **Cornwall.** Mr. P. P. Miedema of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Netherlands, was introduced to the meeting and spoke of his work in connection with Dutch immigrants in Canada, in relation to the Church. Gratifying reports were given by all secretaries. Mrs. Alpin A. MacGregor of Williamstown was chosen as President for the coming year. The Spring Rally is to be held in May in St. Luke's Church, Finch.

LANARK AND RENFREW Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Westminster Church, **Smiths Falls,** in January. The programme was based on the theme "Do You Love God?". Representatives were present from Almonte, Arnprior, Carleton Place, Cobden, Dewars, Lochwinnoch, McDonald's Corners, Perth, Pembroke, Renfrew, Ross, Smiths Falls, Stewartville and Wolftown. The President, Mrs. H. Barker, presided at all sessions. The Treasurer, Mrs. Culhane, reported the best year in givings since 1925. Reports in all departments were most encouraging and many showed increased interest, better attendance, and a spirit of good fellowship and co-operation. Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, addressed the meeting reviewing the work of our missionaries, deaconesses and nurses.

At the evening meeting Rev. J. K. Lattimore, Smiths Falls, conducted devotions and brought greetings from Presbytery. The guest speaker was Rev. J. Logan-Vencta, O.B.E., M.A., of Ottawa, who gave a challenging address, urging all to dedicate their lives, their money, their talents, that they may go farther in winning "The World for Christ". Two sessions of Prayer were conducted, one on Tuesday morning by Mrs. R. B. Milroy of Perth for our Church, our missions and the Commonwealth, and one on Wednesday morning by Mrs. Leonard Lindsay, for Sunday Schools and young people, World Peace and the Sabbath day.

MONTREAL Presbyterial — The annual meeting of Montreal Presbyterial was held in MacVicar Memorial Church, **Montreal,** on February 3rd. The President, Miss Dorothy Coles, presided. Mrs. J. K. Ross Thomson welcomed the members and the worship service was conducted by Mrs. Robert Lennox. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society brought greetings. The guest speaker at the afternoon session was Mrs. Hugh A. MacMillan, missionary on furlough from Formosa, who gave a very interesting and inspirational address on her work among the people of Formosa.

Rev. J. K. Ross Thomson opened the evening session with devotions and Rev. J. S. McBride brought greetings from Montreal Presbytery. An illustrated lecture was given by Mrs. Hugh A. MacMillan. The colourful slides showed very clearly the different phases of the work accomplished by the missionaries in Formosa. The reports of the Treasurer, Supply Secretary and other secretaries showed substantial increases in interest and contributions. The election and installation of officers for the ensuing year took place under the chairmanship of Mrs. G. M. Pitts.

The Evening Auxiliary of St. Edward's Church, **Beauharnois,** met in the manse for their February meeting. The meeting was an interesting one with recorded Bible readings by Charles Laughton on the "Garden of Eden" and the "Burning Fiery Furnace" and a prayer by one of the members of the auxiliary formed the worship service. Delegates to the annual meeting of Montreal Presbyterial held in MacVicar Memorial Church, reported on the meetings held at that time. Two members from the Senior Auxiliary who attended the afternoon meeting brought a most comprehensive account of the meeting's activities, while delegates to the evening meeting told of the different item on their programme. These reports were vivid and interesting giving a splendid idea of what actually took place, to those unable to attend. Final arrangements were drawn up for the March meeting which will take the form of a "Pot Luck" supper in the church hall. The Rev. André Poulain will be the guest speaker and tell of his work at St. Luc's Church, Montreal. It is hoped to interest the men in this meeting and an invitation is being extended to them to attend along with their wives who are members.

OTTAWA Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Ottawa,** with 162 delegates registered The President, Mrs. G. Scott Murray, presided. Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, brought greetings and gave a short message. Auxiliary reports were given, showing a year of varied activities.

The Rev. Colin Miller, Moderator of Ottawa Presbytery, opened the evening session with worship, and brought greetings. The speaker was Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., who said that the Church was organized for one purpose only — to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. The early Church was a minority group, in the midst of a pagan world. The Church now is in the midst of an anti-Christian world with fears within and foes without, and we must choose today whom we will serve. Mrs. Pae gave a wonderful word picture of our home and overseas missionary work, and outlined the new work and expansion for which we must provide.

The afternoon session, Wednesday, was addressed by Rev. A. J. T. Henderson, M.A., Assistant to the minister at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, who traced the growth of the Christian Church from its founding, to the present. Christian Faith is, by its very content, missionary, and we must give a positive expression of our Christian Faith today.

Mrs. W. E. Baker installed the newly-elected officers in a candle-lighting ceremony and the Rev. A. Ian Burnett, M.A., D.D., closed the meeting.

QUEBEC Presbyterial — The Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Sherbrooke,** had as their special speaker at their January meeting the Rev. C. L. Wood, missionary on furlough from the Bhil Field, India. This meeting was open to interested members of the congregation, and many took advantage of the opportunity to hear of our Indian work, told and illustrated in such an interesting manner. Mrs. Harold Turner, the newly-elected President, conducted the meeting.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, held their opening meeting for the year when Lois Sawyer, the newly-elected President was in charge. The new study book **Mpengo of the Congo** was introduced and new handiwork projects begun.

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January and February, 1953

Receipts:

A Friend	$ 50.00
G.F., "Support of Girl, Jhansi, Field, India"	75.00
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Wychwood Sunday School, Toronto, "Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School"	23.12
Miss Margaret Thomson, Hamilton	25.00
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A Friend, "Christian Literature"	100.00
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Lethbridge Women's Missionary Association,	
"Miss Hermanson's Work"	92.50
"Supply Fund"	92.50
Atwood Sunday School, "Support of Boy and Girl in Amkhut School"	78.00
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Miss L. Scott, Cromarty, "Miss Hislop's Work"	22.00
Fairview Sunday School, Vancouver, "Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home"	29.65
Mrs. A. McAuley, "Dr. Laubach's Work"	5.00
Friends	1,000.00
Famine Relief in India	183.15
Flood Relief Fund	157.50
Refund from Candidate	30.00
Ewart Trust Fund, for Education of Candidate	170.00
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	13,443.67
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	9,146.92
Synodical Givings:	
Toronto and Kingston	2,970.00
Montreal and Ottawa	975.00
	$28,804.01

Disbursements:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$ 2,464.90
Hospital Visitors	1,846.84
Deaconesses	1,079.98
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	950.75
Port Work	387.70
Van Expenses	333.32
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	1,158.65
National Contingency	6.85
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	383.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	7,053.57
Birtle, Government Grant	7,924.51

Overseas Missions:	
India, Bhil Field	399.99
Taiwan	409.32
British Guiana	1,234.45
Koreans in Japan	250.00
Training of Nationals	164.00
New Missionaries	166.32
Missionaries' Expenses	1,110.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	937.88
Overseas Contingency	137.76
Publications	2,174.62
Organizations	3,847.51
Administration	4,047.99
Payments from Special Gifts	658.35
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Council Meeting	9.50
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Interest	643.00
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EDITORIAL

THE Council meeting will be held in New St. James Church, London, Ontario the last week of this month. Being the Annual meeting of the Society it is of vital interest and importance to every member, no matter to what Auxiliary or group she may belong.

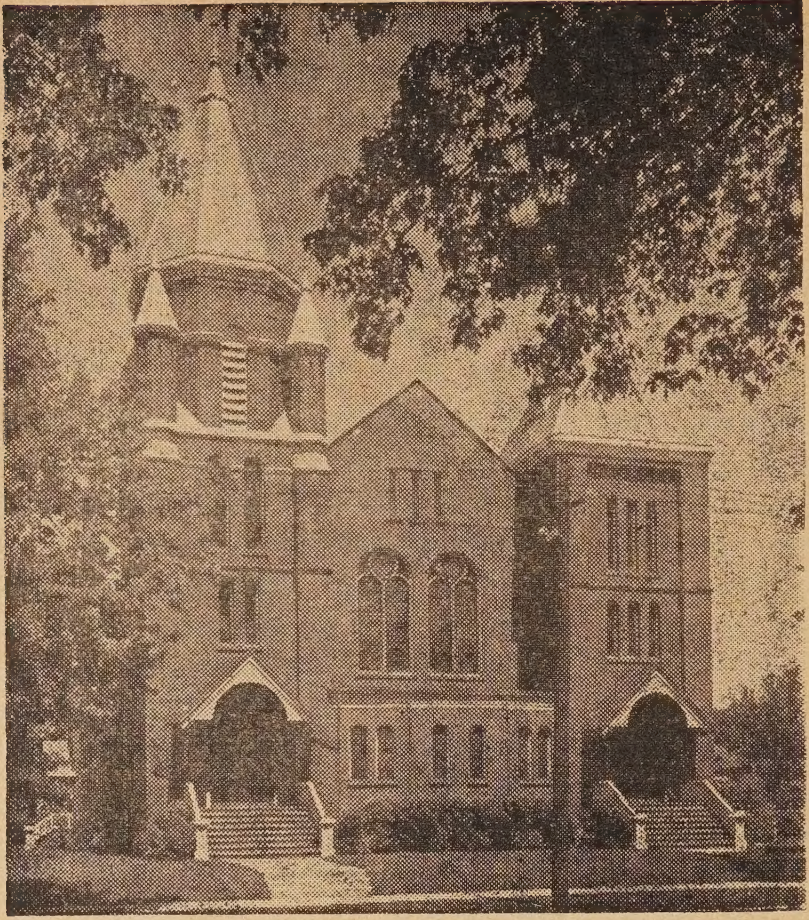
From the seven Synodicals will come the elected delegates representing the membership from British Columbia to Quebec, and these delegates together with the members of Council Executive and Exofficio members will make the decision and issue any directions necessary for our work in the year to come.

In order that there be no doubt as to our position; as to our strength and our weakness the work of the year that has passed will be considered. From this we will gain a picture of our present position and from it we can look to the future, realizing that there can be no 'just standing still.' We must advance or fall behind.

Much has happened in the world since we met last year. Much has happened in the Church as well and we must plan our future realizing that 'changed times demand changed methods.' A new era of missionary activity is upon us and we are being directed along a pathway that is new to us. God is calling His church into a fellowship that is world-wide, and as members of that church we cannot deny His call.

This meeting can be an eventful one, breath-taking in its scope and influence if we can but follow the path outlined for us. As we work through the different sessions we will need so much the wisdom and strength which can come to us if you who are fellow members will 'hold up our hands.' Will you come together in a fellowship of prayer that the Spirit of God may be present with us as we conduct the business, seek to solve the difficulties and problems of the whole work 'entrusted' to us that all may be done to the honour and glory of His holy Name.

Maydee F. Pae.



Council Meets in London

M.E.W.

MUCH has been said in recent years about the wealth, the growth, the future of Canada. Canadians are developing a National pride and as a result, we speak of Canadian industries, Canadian culture, Canadian economy. We are beginning to realize the influence we wield outside our boundaries. The words "Canada" and "Canadian" have a new meaning. We are proud that we have ties with a great Commonwealth of Nations, that we share a rich heritage with fellow members of that Commonwealth, that we are able to develop our branch of the British Commonwealth in an era that shines gloriously with possibilities.

As we are aware of the material possibilities of our land we are at once conscious of the roots of our heritage in Christian democratic thinking. We know that if Canada is to truly prosper, the Church must be the inspiration and guide for its people.

The City of London, Ontario, is typical of Canadian development. Founded by an Englishman who saw in it posibilities for a provincial capital, it bears many indications in its place names of the link with Britain. Though it has not become a national capital, it has

Reverend Richard Stewart, Minister, New St. James Presbyterian Church.

developed into a rich industrial city, a centre of one of Canada's richest agricultural areas. The handsome quide book published by the London Chamber of Commerce says this in its opening pages: "A visitor's first impressions of London will probably be a vision of handsome, modern buildings and stores superimposed on a surprising array of fine parks, impressive schools and churches and many evidences of gracious living. A little closer attention will reveal the many-sided nature of London's daily life. We discover industry, commerce, amusement, culture as befits the principal metropolis of Western Ontario."

It is to this City that the delegates to the Annual Council Meeting of our Society will come this month. They will be entertained by London Presbyterial Society in New St. James Presbyterian Church. New St. James is one of six Presbyterian Churches in a City which has a total of seventy-nine (Protestant and Romané Christian communities.

London is one of the many places in our land which gives evidence of the influence of the Christian Church in education and culture. The University of Western Ontario was begun under the auspices of a Protestant communion and this year celebrated seventy-five years of educational service. In so doing it honoured the leaders of its founding communion.

The influence of the Christian Church must go on. Because we believe this so whole-heartedly, we meet as members of a Society committed to spreading the Christian Gospel. We meet in a city which boasts of millions made in industry, of a prominent place in trade and commerce in Canada. We meet in a city which is proud of its beauty and the development of educational and cultural facilities. In this background we will seek to know the way God would have us go that we may share in teaching that true wealth springs from the knowledge of the salvation of God through Jesus Christ.

Prayer

OUR GOD and Father, who art wisdom, power, holiness, justice goodness and truth; who didst create the heavens and the earth, setting the sun, moon and stars in their places and evolving the eternal plan of life and growth; — we thank Thee that the seasons follow one another in quick succession for our benefit, so that spring now fulfils the promises of renewal and re-birth.

As we see the revival in natural things we would pray for spiritual growth in human hearts, both individually and in all those groups which are designated and dedicated to Thy service, and working towards the extension of Thy Kingdom.

We would ask Thy blessing especially for our Women's Missionary Society as it prepares for its Annual Meeting. We pray for journeying mercies for those who will gather together from distant places. May the meetings be a time of true Christian companionship; may those who hold office be upheld by Thy power, and those who speak inspire the ones who listen. May the discussions be fruitful in bringing about wise decisions. — Keep us sure in Thy guidance and direction and therefore unafraid in new ventures of faith.

We would now express our great need in the words of one of Thy saints —

'O, live in us this day. O, clothe Thyself, Thy purpose yet again in human clay. Work through our feebleness Thy strength; work through our meanness Thy nobility; work through our helpless poverty of soul, Thy grace, Thy glory and Thy love.'

In penitence and deep humility we ask all these blessings and the forgiveness of our many sins — For Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

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Down the busy street there falls a sound,
Presaging something other than the round
of common things, that make Life's melody.
With buoyant feet we rise to greet the quest,
Whose eyes are clear with Hope's expectancy,
Who hears the call, he needs must to obey,
For well we know we dare not make delay
To catch the skirts of Opportunity.
She passe quickly by the door,
And poising, merely scans the threshold o'er
Ere vanishing she leaves an empty street.
Thou, O my Soul be watchful, rise and stand,
Lest haply thou shouldst miss her outstretched hand.

MARGARET M. GRIEVE, *in Life and Work.*

HER MAJESTY

QUEEN MARY

THE British Commonwealth of Nations, indeed the whole free world was saddened by the knowledge that Her Majesty Queen Mary was dead. As has been stated many times, she had become a tradition in the lives of British People, whether those lives were lived in the Eastern or the Western hemisphere – in Northern lands or south of the equator. Whenever people though of her they thought in terms of the highest calls to duty and integrity.

As we, of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society remember Queen Mary with admiration and affection we are inspired by her life. It has been written:

"Three transcendent qualities were the key to her great popularity: conscientiousness as a Queen, devotion as a wife and mother, and an unswerving loyalty to her ideals.

Long ago Queen Mary wrote: 'Remember that life is made up of loyalty; loyalty to your friends; loyalty to things beautiful and good; loyalty to the country in which you live; loyalty to your King; and above all, for this holds all other loyalties together, loyalty to God.' "

Such a code of living is truly exemplary for us all.

This wealth of waters might but seem to draw
From yon dark cave; but see, the source is higher,
Yon summit half a league in air; and higher,
The cloud that hides it: higher still the heavens
Whereby the cloud was moulded, and whereout
The cloud descended. Force is from the heights.

BROWNING.

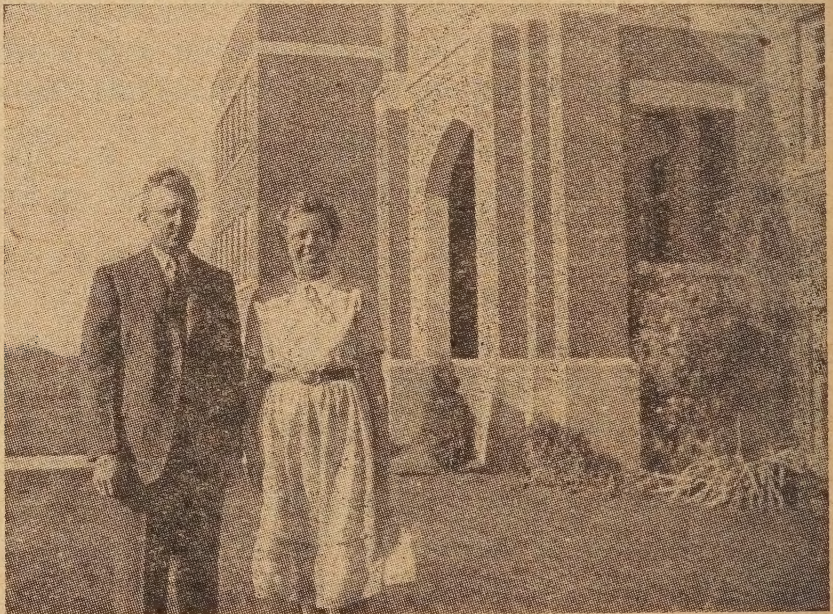
Glimpses of the life and work at Birtle, taken from Principal N. M. Rusaw's annual report.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM BIRTLE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

We have been aware for some time of the increasing influence of our Birtle Indian Residential School among the Indian people in Western Canada. Each year marks progress toward greater educational opportunities for Indian young people. By educational opportunities we mean that Indian youth attending our School at Birtle are learning to live lives which have equal opportunities with all other Canadian youth. This means training, not just of the mind, but of the body and the soul. For this task, the school is fortunate to have a staff at Birtle headed by Principal N. M. Rusaw and Mrs. Rusaw, which has the best interests of young people at heart.

As in years gone by we give you again a glimpse into the life of Birtle Indian School through the annual report of the Principal.

> "The relationship among the staff who have been with us throughout the year has been very happy and very co-operative. During the fall term the other staff have pitched in and faithfully helped out through the whole period. Mrs. Rusaw and



Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw at the front entrance of the School.

Saturday is Labour Day?

I have attempted to do the most of the supervising but when we have been unable to be on call one of the staff has been there to take over. The relationship between the children and staff has been one of love and kindness.

As in the past we find our children enjoying their Sunday School and Church Services, taking a keen interest in the services and anxious to be in attendance. Sunday School is held weekly at 10 a.m. and Chapel Services each Sunday evening. During the first part of the year Rev. Mr. Garret came from the Waywayseecappo Mission and conducted the Church Services every second Sunday. I conducted the services the balance of the Sundays. As spring came I was relieved of this duty by the missionary from the Birdtail Reserve. Mr. Harry Green came every second Sunday until school closing and also was here for Sunday School as well. Harry always had an interesting story or sermon for the children and they liked to see him come so very much. Since school reopened in September Mr. Garrett has taken every service but one.

Three Communion Services were conducted by Mr. Garrett, one on Feb. 3/52, one on June 8th and the last on Nov. 22nd. Thirteen young people became members of the Church in full Communion and confessed their faith in Christ. The number of Communicants is increasing as all those who are old enough are members of a Church. In our group there are a number who are already members of the Anglican Church, members of the United Church and one student who is a member of The Churches of Christ. (Disciples).

All these Church members are communicants.

The Junior pupils and senior students are taught at Sunday School by the different staff members. The intermediate pupils are divided into smaller groups and these are each taught by a Senior High School Student. A preview of the Sunday School lesson is held each week before the regular Sunday School hour for these student teachers.

> From fifteen to twenty-four senior girls comprise our chapel choir conducted by Mrs. Rusaw. They lead in the singing and also assist in the services with special anthems. In June we took two carloads of these choir members to the Rolling River Reserve to provide special music for their 50th anniversary. We were also able to take them to the Birdtail Reserve to provide music for a special service at the Mission Church."

The average attendance at the school at the end of December was 156. Mr. Rusaw wrote of rearrangement of space and staff to serve the children from grades 1 - 10. Day Schools on the Reserve are increasing and as they do the elementary pupils attend them but . . .

> "As the Day Schools are increasing we lose groups, then more students seem to come in from other places. The Indian population is on the increase and the desire to have their children educated is increasing as well."

The "flowers" at Birtle School

The staff is always proud when there is indication of desire for the student to go take professional or vocational training.

> "Two of the Indian girls graduated from grade twelve. Mrs. Rusaw and I attended the graduating banquet and exercises at the High School and we were impressed and proud of our girls. Both had decided on a business course so the Department was asked for a grant to cover the cost of the course."

Mr. Rusaw helps the High School students find summer work and endeavours to visit the young people on their summer jobs.

Sports—both summer and winter, are always keenly enjoyed by the Indian Students:

> "Winter sports are the highlights in the school year as the most of our winter and part of late fall and early spring permit winter games. The small girls played last winter on the slope just south from the school where we could see them with their sleighs. The sleighs were in bad shape, sleighs I had bought six or seven years ago. They had been repaired many times, several had been dismantled to repair others. These children are very rough on toys and playthings and the child's handsleigh you can purchase today would not be substantial. I bought a quantity of

one inch maple in four inch width and had Mr. Stannard and the boys cut out a simple hand-sleigh in the shop. From the material purchased he was able to get thirty-one of these sleighs. The material made the two runners and two centre cross-pieces for each sleigh. The top material was made from ends in the shop. The cost of material for each sleigh came to $1.84. They are very sturdy sleighs and yet not clumsy. The children were delighted to start out in December with this new lot of sleighs. The boys ski after the first snowfall and periodically through-out the winter. Their skis are made from barrell staves and any leather or belting they can get either by request or watching for an opportunity to raid the blacksmith shop. We get the scrub soap as laundry cuts in wooden barrells and these I put aside until winter and then all I need to do is roll them out and walk away. There'll not be a stave left after the first skiier has found them. However, it gives them great fun on these hills."

Part of the training of the young people is to assist in the work at the school:

"As our school is gradually changing from elementary to High School we have less help throughout the school hour periods with the general work. We do have better help and more of it out of school hours and Saturdays so that it means we must make the most of these periods. The senior lads call Saturday "Labour Day" and labour is right but much is accomplished."

An example of what is done is given:

"In August we started spray painting the farm buildings. I personally did the upper ends of the two larger barns with two coats of paint. After that I trained one of the students how to operate the machine and by the end of September the two large barns, the implement shed, the blacksmith shop, the chop house, the pig pen, five granaries, storehouse, workshop, garage, roothouse, 2 brooder houses and 3 range shelters had each received a double coat of light grey paint. The darker grey trim was put on by different lads on Saturdays. After school re-opened the roofs of the dairy barn, the workshop and garage were given a coat of dark green. The Department supplied the paint and we supplied the labour. Gordon Johnny was the lad, sixteen years old, who handled the sprayer and he did a fine job.

Our crop in general was excellent as were all crops in this district. The spring was early and the summer was warm with sufficient moisture. The fall was dry and permitted easy harvesting. The hay crop was fair, we baled approximately seven thousand bales of good alfalfa and brome. Our grain crop yielded 6027 bus. broken up as follows: wheat 371 bus., oats 2616 bus., and barley 3040 bus. This has all been stored in granaries as feed for the livestock.

The health of children and staff has been excellent. Regular rest, regular meal hours, good wholesome food, fresh air and exercise keeps people well. The children are required to play outside at all times when the weather permits. The High School students published an annual school paper in June. We were unable to get it off the Gestetner before the end of June so Mrs. Rusaw made the stencils during summer holiday time and made up the booklets. These were then mailed out to each student. This fall the High School students requested the organization of a students council which has been active in planning of entertainment. It is hoped to have it take further responsibility in self discipline."

Thus our Birtle School goes on from year to year. We share with them their joys and sorrows — and we wish the staff and students well in their tasks.

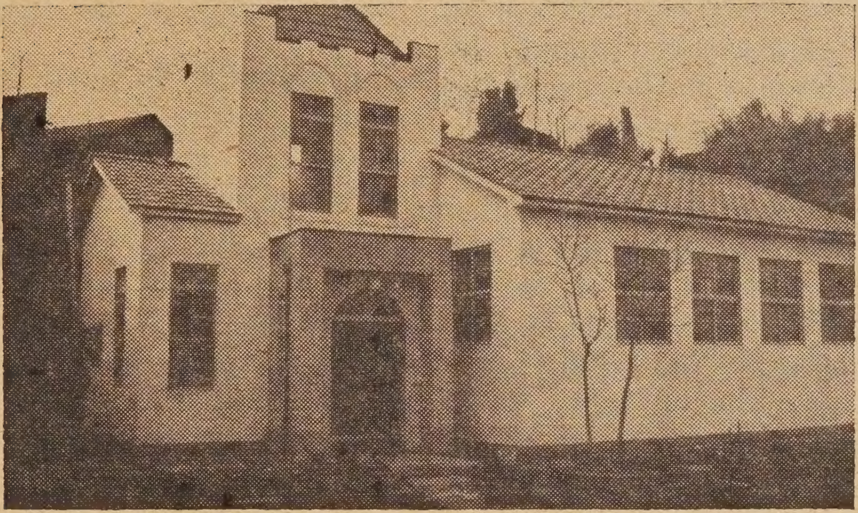
Needs at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, is in need of Sunday School Picture Scrolls. They need not be new, or even recent, but if you have Scrolls in good condition they will be much appreciated for use in the Sunday School.

With approximately one hundred and fifty boys and girls living together in one family the problem of supplying skates is a big one. Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, would urge you to keep its big family in mind when you have to lay aside Junior's or daughter's perfectly good skates and get them a new pair either now or this coming fall. A bale which contains one or more good pairs of skates brings extra joy to all of us here.

DEDICATION OF YOKOHAMA CHURCH

by Mrs. W. E. P. Rumball



"Every one in Canada ought to be thankful to have had a little part in the building of this place of worship".

FEBRUARY 1st dawned dull and definitely cool. We had hoped for a warm, bright day but the dullness of the day did not affect the warmth of the feelings inside the hearts of many of us. Later in the morning there were snow flurries. We had attended morning service in the new edifice at Kewasaki and in the afternoon set out for Yokohama. As we were walking up toward the church we met Chaplain Penoyer. He was unable to stay for the service but as he had promised Pastor Seung to attend he came to bring his regrets. He told us that the folks attending Chapel Centre, where he ministers, had the great joy of helping the building project to the extent of about $150. He was very much interested in the work of the Korean Church and especially in the young pastor. As we were talking with the Chaplain, folks were arriving from Kawasaki, Tokyo and even more distant churches, all with happy smiles, glad to be able to take part in the dedication of another Church to the Glory of God and to the cause of Christ among Koreans in this land.

The little church was packed to capacity and the service started. It was not only a service for dedication of the building but for the induction of Pastor Seung as well, and it lasted for two hours. To those of us who could understand the language it was not a long service and I believe that even those visitors who did not understand Korean caught something of the spirit of the service. There were a number of greetings brought by people representing different bodies such as the Japanese Church, the Yokohama Women's Bible School, our own Assembly and I had the privilege of saying a few words on behalf of the *Women's Missionary Society in Canada.* You will remember that your contribution was $600. It had arrived at one of the most difficult times in the building of the church and was gratefully received. To return to the service, as each one left the building he or she was given a book mark made of white, heavy plastic with an outline of the church in gold and the date and a verse of Scripture also in gold letters, the Scripture verse saying that this House shall be a House of prayer for all people. We trust that it shall be just that.

Pastor Seung and Chaplain Penoyer

Personally I have never had more pleasure in giving congratuations to any congregation and its minister. Every one of you in Canada ought to be thankful to have had a little part in the building of this little place of worship. It was a long hard time for the little group of about thirty Christians and the young pastor only just graduated from Seminary, serving a group with no place to worship excepting in someone's house. He resolved that as soon as possible a suitable place would be built to the Glory of God. He not only sacrifice from his own meagre allowance but did a lot of the work himself. No one heard him complain nor did he ask help of others very frequently. When the foundation and walls were up the people went in to worship and sat on logs. Little by little the Church grew until it reached completion. Miss Dunn, an Australian evacuee missionary from Korea, helped greatly in the early stages with both effort and sympathy. We were sorry that she is on furlough and could not attend the service. Mr. Seung and his people have now set themselves to the task of preaching the Gospel to every Korean in the area and here we ask that you will give your prayer support to this effort. There are many thousands of Koreans in Yokohama and district who have not heard the message of Salvation through God's Son and now is the accepted time, the day of Salvation.

Yokohama has now not only a pastor and a Church but also a Bible Woman. Mrs. Moon came from Korea some months ago and as her husband is working with others on translation work (connected with the American Army) she gives all her time to the work of the Church. She attended the Yokohama Women's Bible School in pre-war days and helped in Sunday School work at that time so is no stranger to Yokohama. Please pray not only for these workers but for the workers of the Korean Church scattered all over Japan. They need your prayer help as we missionaries also need it.

LONDON PRESBYTERY MISSIONS RALLY

By REV. CHARLES HENDERSON, Presbytery Convener of Missions

THE London Presbyterial of the W. M. S. and the Missions Committee of The London Presbytery co-operated in sponsoring a very successful Missions Rally during the week-end of March 13—15. At that time there happened to be several missionaries home on furlough and they gladly volunteered to take part in the Rally. We were fortunate to be able to have with us for the occasion the following missionaries. —

Dr. Hugh A. & Mrs. MacMillan of Formosa.

Rev. F. C. & Mrs. Knox.

Rev. C. L. Wood, and

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, all of the Bhil Field, India, and Dr. W. A. Cameron, Secretary for Foreign Missions.

Supper meetings were held on the Friday evening in four different centres, London, St. Thomas, West Lorne and Appin. At these meetings the speakers presented their message while the guests were still seated at the tables.

On Sunday the missionaries assisted at as many Church services as possible. The Rally concluded Sunday evening with two city-wide rallies in London and one in St. Thomas.

The various phases of the Rally were all well attended by both the men and the women of our congregations. In general, the missionaries received an enthusiastic response. It is our hope and prayer that as a result of these meetings there will be an increased interest in the far-flung mission work of our Church. The speakers excelled themselves in their presentation of their reviews of past endeavour and the Challenge of the future.

IMPRESSIONS

By DR. NORMAN GOODALL

Secretary of International Missionary Council

The guest of the Department of Overseas Mission of the Canadian Council of Churches tells its annual meeting what he saw in the Orient.

DR. NORMAN GOODALL visited Canada early in March. He was the guest of The Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches, and a speaker at their Annual Meeting.

At an open meeting of the Department of Overseas Missions Dr. Goodall spoke of a trip he had just completed. His travels took him to India, Burma, Malaya, the Philippines and Japan. His observations and impressions were of great interest to his audience. We would like to pass a very few of them to you. We do this, knowing that you will be helped in your thinking of these lands, and thus helped, will be able to support with greater interest and zeal, the effort the Canadian Church is making Overseas.

Dr. Goodall spoke of a visit to India in 1947. Then the country still bore the scars of the first conflicts following the partition of India and Pakistan — scars made on Hindu and Mohammedans who made transfer of domicile often amid strife and brutality. Dr. Goodall said: "Although those scenes remain with me and illustrate part of the still, sad music of humanity, — associated with India at that time was an exhilerating sense of achievement and new beginnings."

A change was noted in his visit this year. A deep undercurrent of disillusionment was prevalent. Many whom Dr. Goodall observed, were saying that there was no longer a future for which to live and work and sacrifice. The best that could be done would be the snatching of the opportunities of the present.

The reason for this difference was felt to be (1) that now the Indian people were realizing the difference between a dream and reality. (2) The economic conditions of a great many Indian people was distressing and linked with that was the lack of integrity in public administration in some parts of the country. (3) The fear of a great world-wide cataclysm was felt by the Indian people.

"The change in mood represents a Spiritual change — and there is the challenge. The deepest and most urgent need proves again and again to be in the need for those spiritual certainties which can mean no breakdown of man's integrity or lead to despair of better things. Was there ever a time when the fidelity of the Church Universal was more a central part of the good news to the World than it is today, and to such a country as India?"

In speaking of Burma and Malaya, and of the vast amount of Christian energy and enterprise which needed to be expended there, Dr. Goodall thought of China, and of the fact that he was not able to visit there. He said he thought that China was disappearing too subtly from the focus of our Christian attention.

"We bring it in in a negative fashion. Behind those closed doors sinister things may be happening. As missionaries cannot go there, we will concentrate our attention elsewhere, perhaps in pioneer fields where we shall find success stories for which our hearts and constitutencies are hankering. We know that there is a situation in China which calls for the soundest spiritual rapport between us and them. We should all be prepared to go to China in love and concern."

JAPAN: Dr. Goodall noted that Japan had had a most radical tearing apart and hasty rebuilding, of its national, cultural religious and political existence — since it has abandoned Emperor worship. But while in Japan, Dr. Goodall was reminded that the foundations of Emperor Worship were deep and that it should not be expected that the Japanese could change their thinking quickly.

As the Missions Secretary summed his observations and impressions it was his belief; "that the springs of our transformation, social or individual, go deeper than can be touched by the wisest politician or the cleverest protagonist; they lie in those unalienable roots of character and spirit where at last beyond all reason, emotion speaks to emotion and deep calls to deep. Our missionary obligation has to be fulfilled at many levels if we are to be true to the whole of the Gospel, the fundamental need is a spiritual need. Our obedience cannot be fulfilled cheaply — by glib words, by arguments that do not cost us life. Life that is the demand that our blessed Lord is making upon His Church Universal today, drawing us to fulfil this command in unity and so to lift up Christ, which means Christ crucified, that He, as He alone can do, will bring all men unto Him."

Listening in at the General Board of Missions

Excerpts From Evening Sessions

The General Board of Missions held its Annual Meeting in Toronto March 17–20. This important Board brings together at its spring meeting, Mission Convenors, Missionaries, representative of Home and Overseas Boards and of the Women's Missionary Society. It is the meeting at which a yearly report of all on Mission Work is heard and where plans are made for the future.

Dr. J. A. MacInnis, Moderator of The General Assembly spoke to the Board at one of the evening sessions. He recalled the concern that had been expressed that the people of our Church lacked understanding of its work and even of its teachings. The Moderator said that he had gained the impression from his travels the last few months, that the Presbyterian people of Canada were awakening to the needs of the Church and to their Church's need of them. He found that there was understanding and sympathy for the work of the General Board of Missions. He was gratified to find a desire for a greater knowledge of Scripture. Presbyterians were beginning to realize that we are living in a world which has overemphasized the wisdom of Man and underestimated the Power of God. They see that the world must be confronted with The Power of the Gospel.

As the people become alive to the position of the Church in the world today they begin to see the problems and needs with which the Church is faced. They are anxious to share in the problems, Dr. MacInnis believes. They want knowledge of the missionary outreach. They want to know the opportunities which exist for the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Great opportunities exist for our Church, our Moderator stated. But, he reminded us, we must maintain a world concept of the part the Presbyterian Church in Canada must play. The concept must give expression to evangelism at home and abroad. We must remember that we are a part of the World Church.

Dr. MacInnis challenged the people present to present an enthusiastic picture of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. "The people are behind you," he claimed, "they will support the plans you make."

Missionaries Returning to Overseas Field

Six Missionaries who are returning this year to their work on overseas fields were presented to The Board. The gentlemen spoke briefly of the work on those fields.

Dr. Hugh and Mrs. MacMillan plan to return to Formosa late this year. Reverend F. C. and Mrs. Knox and Reverend C. L. and Mrs. Wood will return to the Bhil Field, Central India.

Mr. Wood, speaking of the people of India, spoke of the love the Indian people had for the Canadian Presbyterian Church. He spoke of the need that still existed for help from the parent Church both financially and with leadership. He reminded the Board that India faced a crisis in her thinking today and that there was a fear that time might be short for the foreign missionary to exert an influence.

Speaking of the influence of Communism, Mr. Wood told of an observation made to him by an Indian, who was visiting this country. It was noticable, the Indian man said, that in those areas where Christianity had a strong hold that Communism was not able to gain a foothold — but in areas where Communism had become established the Christian missionary was not able to make an impression. The observation had significance, Mr. Wood stated, as he asked the Board to continue its support, its interest, its prayers

Eastern Division

ONE of the highlights of our W.M.S. delegates attending the General Board of Missions was the report of the Eastern Division of the Presbyterian W.M.S. Mrs. W. M. Clark, Overseas Secretary made the report in absence of the President, Mrs. L. E. Teasdale.

Mrs. Clarke explained that the Eastern Divison covers the same area as the Maritime Synod of our Church. She reported that there are 3,137 members in that Society. Their income for 1952 was $26,000.

Eleven deaconesses are supported and three overseas missionaries: Miss Ethel MacDonald in Japan, (we had a story from her in March Glad Tidings.) Miss Mary Nichol in India, (this year coming on furlough) and Miss Anna MacDonald in British Guiana.

The Eastern Division supports port work in Halifax and St. John, N.B. New survey work has been started in Dartmouth; they maintain two homes for girls and they have an interest in Camp Geddie, a Presbyterian Camp near Merigomish, N.S.

A note of great interest to your Editor was the statement that there are 2,929 subscriptions to *The Presbyterian Message,* the official magazine of the eastern ladies. If you compare this number with the membership you will see that we could benefit by following their example in supporting their official magazine. M.E.W.

CHURCH VACATION SCHOOL

Mayorie MacKay tells the purpose of Church Vacation Schools

DO you always spend your vacation at a Bible School?—My Vacation! — Oh no, — I have really worked at a Bible Vacation School than anywhere else — So it seems there are people who do not quite grasp the meaning of the the term — Church Vacation School —

A Church Vacation School is a school held in the summer where boys and girls have their vacation from Public School — and are free to spend some time at a Bible School — to gain experience in Christian living. They learn to be fair, and work for the happiness of others. Through the Bible Study they learn that the people of Bible Times found that God's way led them into friendly living — which is God's plan for all people.

After directing Church Vacation School for two consecutive summers I firmly believe that it is a vital part of a child's Christian education; of the total church educational programme and closely connected with the Church School —The extra Bible teaching enriches the lessons taught on Sunday.

Perhaps one of the greatest anvantages of a Church Vacation School is that the time of study from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every day for ten days is about equal to that of three months Sunday School teaching of one hour a week. — Then, too, having the boys and girls in your care every day one is enabled to become better acquainted. — The pupils too, get to know their teachers and feel free to ask questions. During the school period each child grows in his ability to take part in the Service of worship and the daily worship is invaluable to the child.

Church Vacation Schools are

often conducted in isolated areas — where owing to lack of leadership and other reasons — it is not possible to have regular Church School. Then Christian Education programme for a whole year is crowded into one week of Church Vacation School. If time will permit the School in these cases is often continued into an afternoon session. The pupils bring their lunches and this period can be a very happy and pleasant time for leaders and children.

What are the aims of a Church Vacation School — To help boys and girls to know God as Creator and to lead them to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Christian Living is encouraged in all relationships. Through the study period a knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Bible is developed. Loyalty to the Church is promoted — through out all teaching.

By means of missionary stories and study, pupils are lead to know and share in the World Missionary task of the Church.

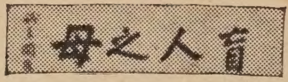
The opening day of Church Vacation School is always exciting for leaders and pupils — Those who have attended in former years look forward once again to a happy week of study and play. — It is an important event in the life of a Child.

"MOTHER OF THE BLIND"

by Dr. Hugh Macmillan

THE passing of Miss Kay in Formosa not long ago was mourned my many a young person who never saw her, but who knew her as if she were their mother. She had been a teacher in the Taipei School for the blind for many years. Indeed, because of her outstanding ability and her personality, "Teacher Kay" was to most students THE teacher of the school. Those with sight who knew her will never forget her smiling face and her charming manner and speech. A Formosan, she spoke fluent Chinese and Japanese. Those who had joyous occasions of conversation with her will remember her words of wisdom and of love, spoken out of a deep Christian faith and experience.

'What is God like?" asked one of her pupils during a class hour for blind young folk in one of the Taipei city Sunday Schools. "Like Jesus," answered their teacher. "And what is Jesus like?" the questioner followed. "He loves us," said the teacher. "Then, God must be like teacher Kay," the child concluded.



"Teacher Kay" was THE teacher of the School.

There are many blind in Formosa. Dr. William Campbell, English Presbyterian missionary to Formosa was their pioneer sympathizer and helper. Toward the end of the last century he introduced the Braille system of printing and founded an institute in Tainan. He estimated at that time that there were 17,000 in the island. The institution he founded and the school in Taipei are operated by the government.

The Mackay Memorial hospital in Taipei has a special department where free treatment is given to needy pople suffering from diseases of the eye.

What Happened To The Overseas Advance !

AT the Council Meeting in Calgary, 1949, it was agreed that we accept as an objective the following three year Advance in Overseas Missions:

Period of Advance — January 1st, 1950 to January 1st, 1953.
Advance in four fields:

1. That seven new missionaries be sent to our fields overseas; two to Japan for work among the Koreans, two to Taiwan and three to India.
2. The education and training of nationals. (Miss Katherine Sun from Kunming, China, first national to be brought for advanced education as part of the overseas advance, is now studying at Toronto University and the Missionary and Deaconess Training School.)
3. (Submitted with the knowledge of the Chairman of the Board of Missions, but requiring the confirmation of the Board of Missions in March.)

   That we equip and operate a field unit for the entire Bhil field, which would touch 300,000 Bhils whereas the hospital only reaches 25,000. Would require:

   1 car for the doctor

   2 motor vehicles equipped as clinics on wheels

   Projectors, screens, sound equipment

   Compounders

   Drivers

   This would form part of a team job, ministers and pastors to go with them to preach and teach.
4. Last advance — in our co-operative work. One place where we have already co-operated is Vellore, one of the greatest single agencies in the whole strategy of the Christian Church in India in the future. Proposed — that we place another missionary in Vellore within the next three years; that we give $2,000 a year instead of $500 to Vellore.

It was suggested that from January 1st, 1950 to January 1st, 1953, our Society think of an increased revenue for our overseas work in terms of $30,000.00.

Because of the generous response of our members we are able to report as follows:

1. Eight new appointees to overseas fields (one had bee on our staff previously).
   (a) To India: Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg. N., B.Sc., Vellore; Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E., Jhansi; Miss Agnes Hislop,

Jhansi, (now transferred to Bhil); Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., Bhil; Miss Ida White, Reg. N., Bhil.

(b) To Taiwan: Miss Margaret MacKenzie; Miss Geraldine Greer, B.A.; Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A.

2. Nationals trained: Miss Katherine Sun, China; Mr. Wen-chi Kim, Korean.

Now training: Miss Margaret Lim, Taiwan; Miss Carol Chiam, Taiwan; Mr. Stephen Shih, China.

3. Two mobile medical units fully equipped and staffed now operating on the Bhil field.

4. Co-operative:

Vellore—Increased grant is now $2,000. We have kept one missionary at Vellore (Mrs. Gehman) but have not added a second.

Brazil — $500 toward salary of Student Christian Movement Secretary.

Overseas estimates have increased $20,000 during the advance period.

L.K.P.

Our Duty

The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night,
And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;
And the men to bear that message, and to speak the lifting word,
Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.
Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open to the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave one prayer unsaid,
Till the world has heard the message, "Christ has risen from the dead."
We grovel among trifles and our spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the Cross;
And the blood of God is streaming from His broken hands and side,
And the lips of God are saying, "Tell my brother I have died."
O Voice of God, we hear Thee above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime.
No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience and love has led the way.

—Frederick George Scott.

National News Notes

MISS LILLIAN REAY, graduate Deaconess, has been appointed to serve in the Presbytery of Peace River, her duties to begin May 1st, 1953.

MISS FLORENCE GOERTZEN, graduate Deaconess, will begin her new work in the Presbytery of Calgary early in June.

SUMMER APPOINTMENTS have been made to the following fields:

Miss Joan Rochemont (Overseas appointee) and Miss Joanne Tillisch—Presbytery of Red Deer;
Miss Agnes Gollan (Overseas appointee) and Miss Ruth Lor — Presbytery of Saskatoon;
Miss Norma Kennedy—Presbytery of Winnipeg;
Miss Isobel Reid—Port Work, City of Quebec;
Miss Carol Chiam (Formosan student)—Chinese work in Montreal—May and June.

NORMAN EDWARD RUSAW arrived in the world March 9th. His proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Rusaw, principal and matron of Birtle Indian School.

We wish to extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw—and to wee Norman too—for he knew how to pick his parents. We have a feeling that young Mr. Rusaw will not lack companionship at Birtle—nor that the problem of baby sitting will be too great for his parents. He will no doubt be a Birtle promoter from the very beginning.

HEART-EASES

By Leeta McCully Cherry

Where the waters sweep to sea,
Surely God's own power must be!
In the thunder and the rain,
Lo! He speaks to earth again.
Silent stars, and dawn, rose-pearled . . .
Heaven's own loveliness unfurled!
Birdsong, ringing sweet and clear . . .
Cadence of His voice I hear!
Peace, my heart, this truth to know . . .
God is everywhere I go!

When the night falls dark and deep,
In His care I rest in sleep;
Through the doings of each day,
He is there to point the way.
Lost and lone, I ne'er can be
With His hand outstretched to me!
Seeking me, He dwells in beauty,
Speaks through every homely duty.
Peace, my heart, this truth be mine . . .
All for me, His love divine!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DIARY

President Eisenhower and the Church Press

A group of Church editors met in Washington, D.C. at the annual meeting of The Associated Church Press. One of the events of the programme was a visit to The White House when President Eisenhower greeted us and made a brief speech.

Mr. Eisenhower said he could not let the occasion pass without referring to something in which he firmly believed, namely that "freedom and religion have an inescapable relationship." He said that he believed that peace would come only when the people of the world realized a rejuvenation of respect for moral values. Proper moral values based on religious concepts. Christian people the world over need to realize these facts and turn their mind to a study of religion and to a practice of the Christian Way of Life.

The one hundred and thirty Church editors were pleased to hear such expression of opinion firmly, and we believed, sincerely given by a man whose power in The World of Affairs, is hardly equalled the world over.

Day of Difficulty . . . and Opportunity

Reverend E. H. Johnstone, former Secretary for Missionary education in our Church, new Gen- Christian Movement in the United States, was a guest at a luncheon the other day in Toronto. Gathered to hear him were men and women who were anxious both to hear him and greet him on his brief return to his native land.

Mr. Johnstone has just returned from a trip around the world —a trip which took him to many places which sounded unfamiliar and vague to us as he named them. But they were places in which the Christian Church functions.

In his observations and as a result of meeting with many people, Mr. Johnstone believes that this is a day of difficulty for the Church, but it is also a day of opportunity. He said he gave thanks for the Church where it exists — for in many lands it has become a strong indigenous organization.

He gave thanks for the Missionaries, who, through the years have made the Church possible. But the Church in too many places is not at the centre of things. It is on the fringe. In these times of turmoil, when nations are crying out for a guide in the conduct of their affairs so that they may build strongly, and well, the Church too often has nothing to say to them. Mr. Johnstone believes that it is no accident that we are called to live and serve in such a day as this — a day when the Church can be put in its proper place — a day of difficulty—but a day of opportunity.

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

HAVE YOUR EXPLORER COUNSELLORS AND YOUR C.G.I.T. LEADERS THE NEW MANUALS?

DURING the past few months two important new manuals have come off the press, one for leader of Explorer groups, the other for C.G.I.T. leaders.

For Explorer Counsellors, EXPLORING WITH THE EXPLORERS, prepared by the Joint Explorer Committee, is, as the Committee states, "offered to Counsellors in the hope that it will be of assistance to them as they endeavour to lead their Juniors into a real relationship to Jesus Christ." This manual contains the Explorer purpose, motto, prayer hymn and closing ceremony hymn; it explains the terms used, the organization, the uniform and insignia of Explorers; it tells the meaning of an "expedition" and outlines a three year programme of explorations; it shows the place of worship, the Bible, music, recreation, story-telling, and related activities, in the Explorer programme, and suggests some ways in which results may be evaluated.

For C.G.I.T. leaders the manual is THIS IS C.G.I.T. of which Part I is now available. This manual gives to the leader the information she must have if she is to do her work adequately. It tells what C.G.I.T. is, about the uniform and insignia, and how to begin with a new group. It outlines typical meetings and shows the place which should be given in the meetings to worship, recreation and business. The duties of the officers are summarized briefly, various projects which might be undertaken are suggested and the outlines given for sample programmes for a year. Such important informations as, the relationship between Sunday and midweek sessions, chevron requirements, registration, reporting and the duties of a Girl's Work Committee in the local church, is given.

Some leaders have secured their manuals, others have not. If the Explorer and C.G.I.T. leaders in your Church have not copies of these boooks we hope that the Auxiliary will see that they are supplied with them.

These manuals can be secured from the Literature Department.

EXPLORING WITH THE EXPLORERS—$1.50

THIS IS C.G.I.T.—.75

You and Your Auxiliary

IT PAYS TO STOP LOOK & LISTEN !

Take time out to *Stop and Look* at the health of your own organization. Do you require more vitamin pills?

Below is a Quiz which if answered honestly by either Yes or No will help you determine into which category your group falls — excellent, Fair, Poor. If either of the letter two then *Listen* to the advice given on the next page.

	Yes	No
1. Is the setting for the meeting homey?	☐	☐
2. Does the meeting start on time?	☐	☐
3. Is the agenda for the meeting well prepared in advance?	☐	☐
4. Do you deal promptly with correspondence?	☐	☐
5. Have you a well-balanced program?	☐	☐
6. Do the members take a share in the presentation of the monthly program?	☐	☐
7. Do you use the recommended study books, with speakers only at one or two special meetings during the year?	☐	☐
8. Do all your members attend regularly?	☐	☐
9. Do you change your officers regularly?	☐	☐
10. Did the reaching of your allocation in 1952 prompt you to set a higher objective for 1953?	☐	☐
11. Are you represented at the Presbyterial Annual meeting?	☐	☐
12. Have you had a new member per every 10 join this past year?	☐	☐
13. Do your group members share in the work of your Church?	☐	☐
14. Do you present mission work to the whole congregation?	☐	☐
15. Do you give any tangible help to other groups in your Missionary Family?	☐	☐
16. Are you 100% subscribers to the Glad Tidings?	☐	☐

Now turn the page and check your score.

Give yourself one point for every Yes. Count up your points and place your score in the correct box.

HERE YOU ARE! **ARE YOU SATISFIED?**

ADVICE

For each question you answered No, look for the advice given to improve that point.

1. Do have the room warm, clean, and cheerful and as far as possible avoid formal rows of chairs.
2. Don't wait for late comers; perhaps others have come at some inconvenience. You might change the hour of meeting to a time more convenient to all.
3. Don't waste time on unimportant business and gossip. Every minute is needed to inform your members of their Missionary task that they might serve and pray more intelligently.
4. Do be courteous and give consideration to correspondence. Much of it is vital to the work of your group.
5. Do have your executive plan carefully for the meeting. Business should be dealt with as quickly as possible.
6. Do enrich the life of the Auxiliary by using the talent of every member.
7. Don't forget that your group is a part of the Women's Missionary Society and not a community club. You are organized that through your study, prayers and service Christ might be presented to the world.

8. Do contact them by telephone or a visit and let them know they are being missed.

9. Do remember officers are not elected for life. Each member brings her own personality and gifts to the office.

10. Do keep in mind the work that your gifts can do and the help that they bring to the lives reached.

11. Do appoint your auxiliary's one official delegate to the Presbyterial Annual Meeting so that she may note at the meeting. Be sure that others attend the meetings to share in the inspiration also.

12. Don't have a closed fellowship. Visit and invite other women to join the Auxiliary. Do have a friendly atmosphere at the meeting. Every visitor is a prospective member.

13. Don't forget your Auxiliary has a responsibility to the whole life of the congregation. You cannot expect interest in Missions if you do not share in the whole fellowship.

14. Don't fail to have a Family Night that the whole congregation might become interested in Missions.

15. Do give encouragement to leaders of Mission Band, Explorer Group and C.G.I.T. Be sure they have the tools for their work. See that your members accept invitations to their special meetings.

16. Do make sure that every member is a subscriber and a reader of The Glad Tidings. Members might urge their friends to subscribe as well.

Our Work Divine

"But since to human hands like ours
Thou hast committed work divine,
Shall not our eager hearts make haste
To join their feeble powers to Thine?
To Word and Work shall not our hands
Obedient move, nor life be dumb,
Lest, through our sinful love of ease
Thy kingdom should delay to come?"

DREAMING OF SUMMER?

Last night, we had been reading a most exciting hair-raising book, consequently we simply could not go to sleep. After tossing around for what seemed to be long, weary hours, we suddenly remembered a cure for insomnia. It was such a pleasant cure that we decided to try it. We closed our eyes, did our best to relax every muscle and then tried to picture a scene in which we were entirely happy and peaceful.

Our picture found us lying on warm white sand under sunny blue skies, just soaking up sunshine, as we listened idly to the swish of the waves as they lapped upon the shore.

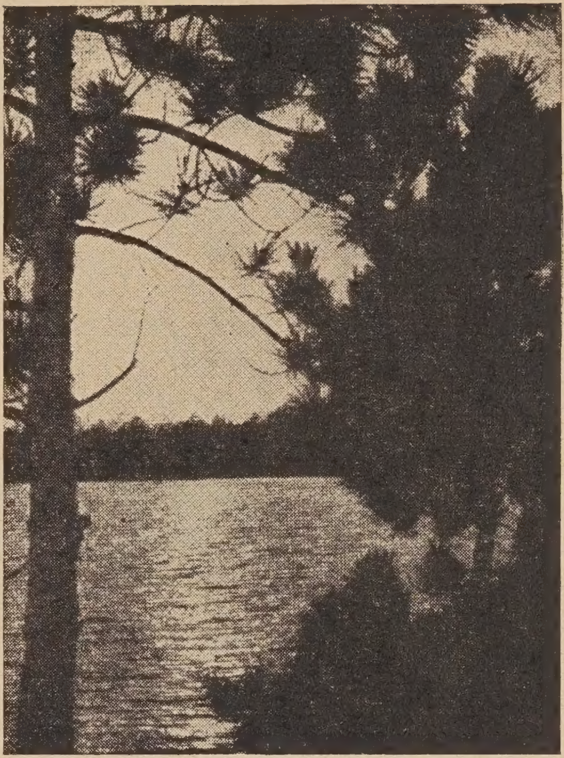
In next to no time we were asleep!

Next day, as we thought over our "cure" we wondered how many girls would use our "picture" were they to try it. Surely no dream could be much more pleasant.

Some of you might add other items to complete *your* picture such as swimming, hiking, games, "Why" you say, "you must be thinking of camp!"

That is exactly what we were thinking about.

For so many of us, camp is a 'never to be forgotten' experience. The fun, the companionship, the joy of learning to do new things, the wonder of nature as we discover it anew. How we wish that each of you could have at least one session at camp, and how fortunate you lucky people are who are going back this year for the second or third time.



You know our Presbyterian camps are not expensive. It would be quite easy for you, if you start now, to make enough money by baby sitting or perhaps working for a while on Saturday, to make enough money to pay part if not all, of your own expenses. Why not talk it over with the "family" and see what ideas they might have to make it possible for you to have this wonderful holiday?

Many Sunday Schools send students each year to camp. They find that girls come back, eager to share in the work of the Sunday School and Church, because at camp, they entered into a more personal relationship with God, and they felt that they wanted to do something for Him.

We have heard two C.G.I.T. members tell of their experiences at National Camp and the highlight for both of them, was the fact that there they had really come to know God.

Do try, this year, to visit one of our camps. You'll have the time of your life, and let us tell you a secret — you'll be a much nicer person and be so much easier to get along with, when you return. This is because at Camp you learn one of life's most important lessons — how to get along with and really enjoy one's companions.

Learn well this art, and you have laid a firm foundation on which to build a happy, successful life.

"Enter the
Temple beautiful,
The House not
Made with hands."

C.G.I.T. CORONATION TRIP

TEN members of the Canadian Girls in Training will be in London for the Coronation in June. They will represent the CGIT in eight provinces.

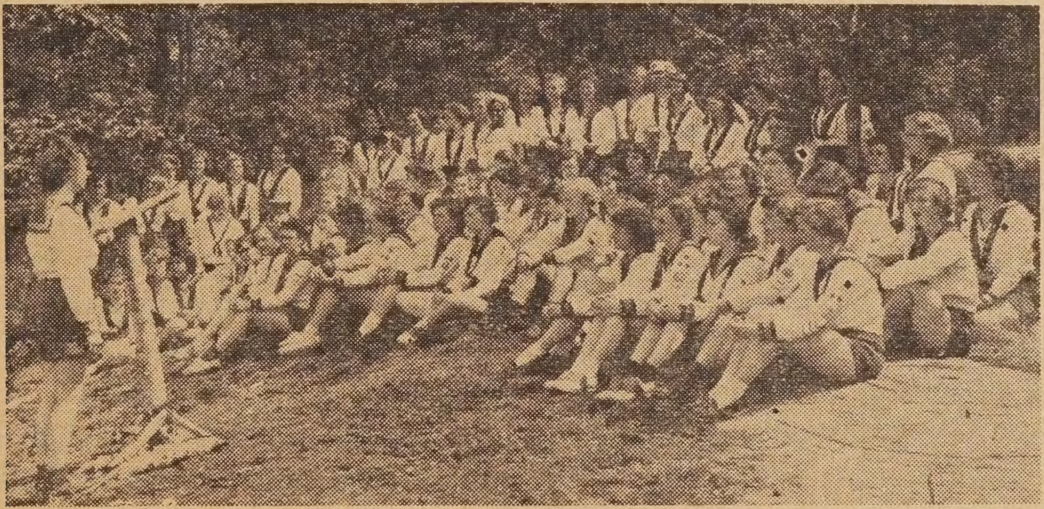
The girls will travel with a group of young Canadians who are making the trip under the auspices of the Overseas Education League. In all, there will be about one hundred young men and women.

They will sail from Montreal in the middle of May and will land at Greenoch, Scotland. Although the Coronation and visit to London are the highlights of the trip, a number of other interesting events are also planned.

There is to be a brief visit in Scotland and then the party will go on to the English Lake Country. After the stay in London, there is to be a trip to the seaside and a visit to historical places in south-east England.

The plans also call for a tour of the west country and the University of Bristol. The young Canadians will sail for home at the end of June, and it's expected that they will have several days in England on their own before they leave.

The CGIT girls who will make the trip, are representing their organization all across the country. They include Thora Hawkey of Creston, British Columbia; Barbara Berry from Calgary, Alberta; Shirley Bishop, Westlock, Alberta; Caron Gummeson, Cabri, Saskatchewan; Margaret Huhn, Pine Falls, Manitoba; Lois Sayles, Toronto; Catherine Bathurst, New Brunswick; and Arlene Larter, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.



Courtesy—Missionary Monthly.

MANSA AND THE RED ERASER

Mansa liked school. She lived in Africa, a far away country where all the girls and boys have black skin and black curly hair. There had never been a school near her village until a short time ago and there were such wonderful things to learn. The most astonishing thing was a book with black marks on white paper called "Bible" which talked to the teacher and told stories which she told to the children. The stories were better than her grandfather could tell and he was the best story teller in the whole village. Mansa liked best the one of the baby Jesus lying in a manger with Mary, His mother, and Joseph near by and the wise men offering gifts to the baby king who had come from Heaven.

Mansa liked her teacher very much and never tired of looking at her white skin, blue eyes and reddish hair because she was so different from the black-skinned women of Africa. She had come from Canada because she loved God and wanted to tell boys and girls in Africa about His love. It was easy to love the teacher with the smiling eyes too who all loved all the boys and girls and was so kind to every one of them. There was a very special day when the teacher showed Mansa the little black marks which said "Mansa" and taught her how to make them herself. It wasn't very long before she could write many things quite well.

Now the teacher had a red eraser which she used often and Mansa thought it must be magic. When the teacher rubbed the eraser over something she had written the writing disappeared! None of the children had an eraser. She thought it would be nice too have an eraser for herself. She thought about it often as she lay on her sleeping mat at night, as she bathed in the river and especially when she was in school. One day it was her turn to sweep out the school. The school was quite different to the schools in Canada. It had just one room. The roof was made of grass in such a way that the rain couldn't get through. The walls were made of poles laced back and forth with vines and plastered with mud just high enough to keep out the leaves and dust. The floor was of earth. She swept the floor very carefully as she had been taught with her broom made of leaves. There was a box she thought she wouldn't bother moving, but she knew the teacher wouldn't like that. She lifted the box to sweep under it and found the red eraser. Now the teacher was very busy outside so Mansa quickly slipped the eraser inside the cloth which she wore wound around her body. Her heart sang because no one could see her pick it up and she would have it for her very own. Her feet skipped as she ran to hide it in the place where she slept. She was full of wonder as she found it really would rub out for her too. "The teacher will never miss it. She has another one." Thought Mansa.

Then somehow she didn't enjoy having the eraser as much as she thought she would. She found she wasn't hungry for supper. Instead of playing a game with the other boys and girls before she went to bed, she went to the grass hut where she lived and was very sad. She remembered that the teacher had told them that they couldn't hide from God and that God knew everything they did. Mansa didn't want to give up the eraser but very slowly she went to the teacher's hut. With downcast eyes she said "O teacher, I am bad and God knows I am bad and I don't think He will ever forgive me." She held out the eraser in her little black hand as she sobbed.

The teacher gathered Mansa into her arms and laid a piece of white paper on the table. "Suppose you write down what you have done and that you are sorry." Then the teacher took the red eraser and rubbed it all out. Lovingly, with her arm around the little black girl, the teacher said, 'Because Jesus came to earth from Heaven to be like us and take our place when we are bad and are sorry, God wipes out the bad thing you have done and doesn't remember it any more".

Mansa grew older and learned more and more. It was a happy day for both Mansa and her teacher when she gave her life to God for always and asked Him to make her into the girl he would like her to be. Mansa hopes to be a teacher some day and teach other girls and boys about God and His love.

Would you like to find in the Bible some verses Mansa has learned. Perhaps you would like to learn them too, — Proverbs 20:11, John 3:16, John 14:15, John 15:14, Ephesians 8:32, 1 Peter 5:7, 1 John 4:7. There is the story of an African man in the Bible. You will find it in Acts 8:26—39.

BOBBIE'S PRAYER

Dear Father, there's this other boy to-night;
Who's praying to a god that's made of wood,
He asks it to take care of him to-night,
And love him — but his god is made of wood.

He is so far, I cannot make him hear,
I'd call to him and tell him if I could,
That You'd take care of him, that You are near
And love him — but *his* god is made of wood.

I know he'd ask You if he only knew,
I know he'd love to follow You if he could,
Dear God, take care of him, and love him, too
The other boy, whose god is made of wood.

Author Unknown.
From Ministering Women.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS — Okanagan Presbyterial convened for the Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting in St. Andrews Church, Armstrong, with Mrs. K. B. McKechnie presiding. Very encouraging reports, with an increase in every department, were heard from the Welcome and Welfare, Home Helpers, Children and Young Women's departments. The Treasurer reported that $611.25 had been sent to the General Fund with $35.00 for supplies and a bale of used clothing valued at $96.50 for the Indian School at Leask, Sask.

Mrs. W. J. Murdock, Synodical President, and Miss Grace McKay, regional Secretary, spoke briefly.

The highlight of the day was a most interesting and challenging address given by Miss Dorothy Douglas of Formosa. Miss Douglas stressed the sudden awakening of the Aborigines to Christianity, and the great need that exists for our prayers, as there is a great work yet to be done.

Delegates were present from Kamloops, Vernon, Penticton, and Armstrong, and for the first time for many years, from Kelowna where a new church is being organized.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL held the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting in Vancouver Heights Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. Twenty-four auxiliaries were represented. There were encouraging reports in all branches of the work. Mrs. Earl Fox was elected President for the coming year. The guest speaker was Miss Dorothy Douglas who painted a word picture of our work in Taiwan. At the evening session, slides were shown to an appreciative audience.

Children's Rally was held in Fairview Church with Mission Bands and Explorers taking part in Songs and the Devotional service. Junior Life Membership Certificates were presented to three children from Vancouver Heights Church by Mrs. M. Clifford. Miss Frieda Matthews, National Secretary, presented a Junior Membership Certificate and pin to a boy from the Chinese Group. The guest speaker was Dorothy Douglas who gave an interesting talk about life in Formosa.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL sponsored a supper meeting with C.G.I.T. groups and leaders in George Erskine Presbyterian Church, **Victoria.** A sing song and games were enjoyed and the highlight of the evening was a talk, illustrated with slides, given by Miss Dorothy Douglas on furlough from Formosa.

The evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church also enjoyed hearing Miss Dorothy Douglas at an illustrated address.

ALBERTA

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MACLEOD Presbyterial — During her tour of the Western Provinces, Miss Dorothy Douglas spent several days lecturing to the students at the Presbyterian Training School, **Medicine Hat.** She also addressed a meeting in St. John's Church parlor, when members of the Isabel Taylor Guild were hostesses to the Hargrave and Ruby Walker Guilds and the Sr. Auxiliary. President Mrs. R. Pettigrew welcomed Miss Douglas. The ladies were very grateful for the opportunity to hear such an able speaker. Her words and the colored slides which she showed tended to eliminate miles and "foreign" ideas and make her listeners feel a part of the great work. Miss D. Orser, Secretary, expressed everyone's heartfelt thanks to Miss Douglas for her interesting address.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, Box 1056
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MORE than 60 delegates, attended the 39th annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Synodical of the Women's Missionary Society, when it convened in the pioneer church of **Prince Albert.** Delegates were welcomed by Miss Isabelle Bailey, Clouston, Dr. W. W. Moore of Mistawasis, Moderator of Synod brought greetings from that body. Two outstanding speakers — Miss Helen Horne and Mrs. W. R. Adamson of Toronto, Corresponding Secretary and Senior Auxiliary Secretary respectively of the Council Executive, were present at the meetings. "Open Doors" was the theme dealt with in the devotional periods by members of the four Presbyterials under the headings: Doors of Faith; Doors of Hope; Doors of Opportunity; Doors of Utterance. Reports of committees revealed increased activity during the past year and satisfying financial success. The aim of the Synodical to enlarge its work was partially realized, for there was a definite increase in the number of members as well as in the establishing of several new groups and organizations. One of the highlights of the meetings was a round-table discussion conducted by the four Presbyterial Presidents on general missionary problems, in which all delegates joined and from which all gained much value. It was agreed that the two immediate problems were the great need; more workers in the mission fields and more interest in this field of activity on the part of all concerned. To teach and propagate the Gospel and the work of the church, delegates felt that the co-operation and support of every church member was vital. Miss Jessie Walls of Saskatoon was returned to the office of President. Mrs. Adamson installed the officers for 1953 at the conclusion of the conference.

MOOSE JAW Presbyterial — Mrs. (Capt.) Hicks of the Salvation Army was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Federation of Knox Church, **Welburn.** One of the principles of the Army, said Mrs. Hicks, is that women have rights to an equal share with men in the great work of publishing Salvation to the world. A woman may hold any position of authority in the Army from that of a local officer to that of General. . . . ". . . In Christ Jesus there is neither male nor female. And the promise of the outpouring of the Spirit is no less to the handmaidens than to the servants of the Lord".

REGINA Presbyterial — The 39th annual meeting of the Regina Presbyterial of the W.M.S. was held in Northside Presbyterian Church, **Regina.** The theme was "Strengthened with might by His spirit'' (Eph. 3:16.) The C.G.I.T. groups of First, Northside and Walter Martin Memorial were represented and made up the choir at the opening meeting. Mrs. W. G. Smith led in a mission band demonstration and had many useful suggestions for mission band leaders. She displayed a friendship map and picture reel which had been projects of her group. Rev. Gyozo Orth of the Hungarian congregation at Kipling was the guest speaker. He told of a spiritual awakening on continental Europe and in Hungary, and of his experiences leading to the ministry. Following the election of officers which returned Mrs. John Shaw to the Presidency for another year, Rev. N. D. Kennedy, D.D. installed the officers and gave the closing words of the conference.

SASKATOON Presbyterial — The Annual Meeting of the Saskatoon Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Saskatoon,** February 10th and 11th, with a good attendance. Rev. George Dobie, Synod Superintendent of Missions, opened the sessions. The theme of the meetings was: ''The Church Grows'' and from this topic Mr. Dobie stressed that we should not consider growth in terms of increased membership; in dollars raised and spent only. Too often we thought of quantity rather than quality. Fellowship and prayer joined people throughout the world. ''Put yourself in the place of others and help meet their needs''. Rev. D. T. Evans installed the new officers and urged each person holding office to put their heart and interest into their new duties.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Mark St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

SUPERIOR Presbyterial — Miss Marjorie Copping showed films taken during her recent trip to Africa at a joint meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, the Evening Guild, and the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Church, **Fort William.** The pictures were of great interest to these groups since Africa is the topic for study this year. Reports of the annual meeting of Superior Presbyterial held in First Church Fort William, were given.

WINNIPEG Presbyterial—The 39th annual meeting of the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society convened in Norwood Presbyterian Church February 25th and 26th. The theme was: ''To give Light to them that sit in darkness''. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, President, presided at all sessions. Delegates attended from Roland Selkirk, Morden and Kenora.

Mrs. J. C. Gibbs welcomes the delegates on behalf of Norwood Church. Mrs. C. LeCoq. Past President of Manitoba Synodical Society. Mrs. C. Smith, Recording Secretary reported that the highlight of the year for the Presbyterial was the visit of Miss Ellen Anderson missionary to British Guiana. The Treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Hill reported that the allocation had been exceeded by $169.89.

Rev. Eldon Andrews, returned missionary from China, now Principal of Cecelia Jeffrey Indian School, spoke to the meeting. He said that the doors have been closed to the missionaries to China but that we must think and pray for the people and try to understand the difficulties they are facing. The people to whom we send missionaries at home and abroad have been caught in the grip of forces they cannot control or understand. We are living in a time when people are saying that civilization is moving toward collapse. Let us remember that it is not only in far-off lands that darkness prevails. There is darkness at home too. Mr. Andrews also addressed the Presbyterial on his work at the Indian School. He said that: "while we have the children in school, we do our best to give them as much knowledge as we can but we send them back to the reserve where there is no follow-up work." Mr. Andrews felt that there should be deaconesses and nurses to work on the reserves.

Miss Margaret MacNaughton spoke at the Thursday morning session. She told the ladies that we should be proud of our heritage in the Presbyterian Church but we are weakened by lack of leaders and finances. She said that there was never greater need for faith, she called upon hearers to dedicate themselves anew to the work of our Church.

Rev. J. S. Flook brought greetings from Presbytery. A service of rededication was conducted by Mrs. A. H. McKay. Closing words were given by Mrs. W. S. Smith.

One of the high lights of the year for the Senior Auxiliary of First Church **Winnipeg** was the visit of Dr. David Hay, Professor of Systematic Theology, Knox College, Toronto. Dr. Hay addressed the Spring Thankoffering meeting. In his address, he developed the 13th verse of the 4th chapter of Hebrews. We must realize that God sees and knows our work whether it be great or small and that the things we do go far beyond that which we may think. We must keep our faith and carry on. Mrs. J. W. Cadwell, and Mrs. L. C. Kennedy have been recognized for their services to First Church Auxiliary.

Mrs. Donald Fee entertained the Auxiliary of St. John's Church at the annual meeting. Rev. J. Marnock installed the officers. Miss L. Hyde was reelected as President. Mrs. J. D. MacQuarrie was recognized for her work in the auxiliary. Mrs. A. McKay was guest speaker.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, FRONT ST.,
CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

CHATHAM Presbyterial — The executive of the Chatham Presbyterial met in First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham,** to complete plans for the May sectional meetings, to arrange for delegates going to Annual Synodical Meeting in Wingham, etc. At this meeting was an interesting report of a new Girls' Auxiliary in **Ridgetown,** also an outline of plans being made for a story-telling contest among the Girls' groups.

At the regular monthly meeting of Knox Auxiliary **Leamington** correspondence relating to food parcels sent to the Mission fields prompted the decision of the Auxiliary to send two "CARE" parcels to the Jobat Mission in India. Mrs. F. Harold, of the Isabel McConnell Auxiliary brought the ladies a splendid report of the annual Presbyterial meeting held in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, **Windsor,** at which Miss L. K. Pelton spoke. A loving tribute was paid to the late Mrs. F. Paterson, followed by a moment of silent prayer. Mrs. F. O'Heron was the hostess.

During the week of March 15th, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, from the Bhil field, India, was in **Windsor** and St. Andrew's Presbyterian W.M.S. invited all the Presbyterian Missionary Groups of the city to unite with them in their church to hear and welcome Miss MacMurchy.

HAMILTON Presbyterial — Earlier this month a letter from a W.M.S. member in **Hamilton** mentioned Calvin W.M.S. would be celebrating a 25th Anniversary early in March and that the Knox ladies were going to attend and enjoy this occasion with them. In this same letter was mentioned the 60th Anniversary of the Kannawin Auxiliary of St. John Church on March 12th.

HURON Presbyterial — In Carmel Church, **Hensall,** the Arnold Auxiliary paid tribute to the late Mrs. C. S. Hudson, who for many years served as President and worked so effectively for their W.M.S. Mrs. George Walker was chosen to fill the office for the coming year.

A meeting of the Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Goderich** was held in the new chapel at which meeting Rev. R. G. MacMillan dedicated the new chapel communion table, which is a replica of the Communion Table in the Church chancel. This was a gift of the W.M.S. members as a memorial to all W.M.S. workers of the past, who, having faithfully served, now enjoy life Eternal.

In **Seaforth** the Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church commenced the year's work with their annual Pot Luck Dinner in January. Many friends joined the members for this enjoyable supper hour and a splendid missionary evening with coloured pictures of our Indian Schools was to be seen in the film featuring this great work.

LONDON Presbyterial — Mrs. J. K. West, **St. Thomas,** newly-elected President of London Presbyterial, was in the chair for the first meeting of 1953 Executive held in the Board room of New St. James Church, **London.** Mrs. West chose for her worship period theme, "The Power of Prayer." Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, was appointed to represent our group at the Evening Auxiliaries Conference in Hamilton, to be held in May.

District meetings will be withdrawn this spring in order that all our women may place special emphasis on the coming Council Annual Meeting to be held in London. All sessions will be open and the ladies are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to see Council at work.

Special attention was drawn to the London Presbytery sponsored Missionary Conferences held in London Churches March 13-14-15. Seven missionaries on furlough took part in these, namely, Dr. Hugh and Mrs. McMillan; — Rev. C. L. and Mrs. Wood; Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Knox, and Miss Bessie MacMurchy.

The Explorers Group of the New St. James Church, **London,** entertained at a delightful tea and puppet show, when many small visitors and mothers were welcomed by Mrs. R. Stewart, the minister's wife, and Mrs. S. A. McLeod, leader of the group. The children helped make the puppets and organize the program and many of the children were in uniform. This is a very active group under enthusiastic leadership and many new children have been added to this group since the new year.

MAITLAND Presbyterial — During the January meeting of **Ripley** Afternoon Auxiliary held in the S.S. room two little Mission Band members were honoured by the Mission Band for their high standing and perfect attendance, by making them life members of the W.M.S.

At the March meeting of the afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. Knox Church, **Ripley,** Mrs. Ellis Gossel was honoured with a life membership. Each member answered the roll call by repeating a question and answer from the Catechism. Mrs. Finlay McLeod gave a paper entitled "Who can understand," based on Isaiah 55:8. Mrs. Donald Martyn summarized the 2nd chapter of the study book, Africa, Yesterday & Today."

The **Ripley** Mission Band conducted a fine programme at our Sunday Evening Hour service on March 1st. Special feature was the story of David and Goliath told by five year old John MacAuley. The new plan of having the different organizations of the church conduct our Evening Hour is proving most successful and drawing good attendance.

In **Lucknow** the Evening Auxiliary entertained the Sr. Auxiliary to a Valentine Pot Luck Supper in the Church basement. Mission study followed and slides of the life of David Livingston concluded a very friendly "Get Together" of the Valentine season.

NIAGARA Presbyterial — Earlier this month Mrs. Heslop, Mother of our Press Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Turnbull, Welland, passed away. Many from Hamilton and Niagara Presbyterials knew Mrs. Heslop for she was always present at Annual and other meetings if health permitted. Mrs. Heslop was a singer, who in days passed, gave generously of her great gift to W.M.S. meetings and Church services. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Turnbull.

Drummond Hill Auxiliary, **Niagara Falls,** lost a devoted member by death, Mrs. Bell McVean Zavitz. Mrs. Zavitz was Organist Emeritus at Drummond Hill Church; the President of their Auxiliary until her health made it necessary to resign at the New Year season. For many years she mothered Drummond Hill Mission Band after its organization under her leadership. Missions was most dear to her and in accord with one of her last wishes many honoured her memory by Missionary Gifts rather than flowers. Truly "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord — their works do follow them." May the Missionary cause be blest through such loving remembrance.

PARIS Presbyterial — The Paris Evening Auxiliary had as their guest speaker at their February meeting their new Minister Rev. Walter Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy has newly arrived here from Hillhall Church, Lisburn, Northern Ireland and he spoke on the Home and Foreign Mission Project of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

SARNIA Presbyterial — We were pleased to hear that Mrs. R. S. Burnham, of Sarnia, a very fine Press Secretary, who finished her term, was honoured by the presentation of an Honourary Life Membership. Not only has Mrs. Burnham faithfully served on Press but also has given W.M.S. valued leadership and support for many years, and this token is a sincere appreciation.

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ALGOMA Presbyterial — Algoma Presbyterial Society held its annual meeting in New Westminster Memorial Hall, **Sault St. Marie.** The hall has been recently dedicated by the Presbytery of Algoma. Mrs. G. Grant, Presbyterial President, gave a talk on the constitution as we had a number of new leaders for C.G.I.T., Explorers and Mission Band groups. The Treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded. Mrs. S. Walker, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, reported that she had received names of 11 people from the Port Chaplain, Mr. Pickup and that of these 9 had joined the church. Mrs. B. Graham, a former President installed the officers.

NORTH BAY Presbyterial — A very pleasant evening was arranged by Mrs. Cecil Goulding, Convener of Home Helpers, St. Andrew's Auxiliary. **Burk's Falls,** to review in part, the work done by our W.M.S. Mrs. Goulding welcomes Home Helpers and guests. The Explorer's group conducted the service of worship, the Mission Band sang. Mrs. S. R. Alexander, President of the Auxiliary, told of Home Mission work Mrs. D. Graham spoke on the work overseas. The rest of the evening was devoted to a social time together. The Home Helpers expressed the desire to have more such get-togethers. It was realized that such meetings do much to increase the sense of "oneness" in our missionary endeavour.

SAUGEEN Presbyterial — Margaret Campbell passed peacefully away in her sleep at her home, Elora Street Harriston early January 29. She was in her 93rd year. A very faithful member of Knox Presbyterian Church, she took a prominent part in the ladies' organizations. She was an Honourary Member of the Women's Missionary Society and a member of the Ladies' Aid. A private funeral service was held at her late home on Saturday afternoon with a public service following at Knox Presbyterian Church, these services being conducted by the Minister, Rev. A. W. J. McMullen.

TORONTO EAST Presbyterial—During her first month as President of Melville Auxiliary, Mrs. W. S. Sutherland was successful in organizing a Young Women's Evening Auxiliary. Miss Grace Irvine addressed an enthusiastic group of young women and conducted the election of officers. The Auxiliary was named after Doris Hampson, who had been doing special survey work in the district for the Presbyterian Church. The membership is showing a steady increase.

Four Seasons Party — A "Four Seasons Party" was given by the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. Lenore Hurd Best, elocutionist, Norman Dickenson and Heather McCauley, soloists, accompanied by Raymond F. Player, took part in the programme. Mrs. David A. Mowat, President, after welcoming the guests, introduced the guest artists.

York Memorial W.M.S. Auxiliary held a Birthday Tea on the afternoon of March 5th to observe the anniversary of seventeen years ago, when they were organized by Mrs. Hendry and Mrs. Hall. The minutes of that first meeting were read and also the 1936 roll was called. Mrs. Thomson, the first President, received a bouquet of spring flowers, presented on behalf of the members by little five year old Maureen Parrish, who attends each meeting with her mother. The ladies were honoured to have the President of Toronto West Presbyterial, Mrs. Curr, with them on that afternoon. Mrs. Curr spoke some very encouraging words.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The Agnes Glasford Evening Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Winchester,** celebrated its tenth Anniversary at a meeting in the Church Hall, when the members of the Evening Auxiliary of the United Church were guests. The President, Mrs. H. O. Balkwell, and Mrs. W. Reid welcomed the guests, who were presented with hand painted programmes bearing the W.M.S. crest, and the Church Motto, the gift of Miss E. Gardner. Eight members presented a short play entitled "The Stewardship Hope Chest". Miss Gardner read letters of greeting from former members and Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, Presbyterial President, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. The highlight of the evening was a humourous play "Aunt Polly Joins the Missionary Society," which was presented by five members dressed in costumes of the early nineties.

GLENGARRY Presbyterial—On invitation of Picnic Grove Young Women's Auxiliary, a most inspiring meeting was held in the Stone Church, **Lancaster,** when nearly all Auxiliaries of Glengarry Presbyterial were represented. Words of welcome were extended by Mrs. Mason McLennan, and Mrs. Alpin MacGregor, Presbyterial President, introduced the speaker Miss Bessie MacMurchy, R.N. of the Bhil Field, India. Miss MacMurchy brought India very close to all as she told of her daily work with the Mobile Medical Unit, and as she spoke of our work financially, she stressed the value of our prayers, as they go out to their work among the natives. The Mission Band took an active part in the programme by singing a hymn, and at the close of the meeting, the members modelled native costumes and jewellery, displayed by Miss MacMurchy.

MONTREAL Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker, regional Secretary of Girls' work, visited Montreal Presbyterial in February, carrying on Officer-Training groups with Presidents, Home Helper, Welcome & Welfare, Glad Tidings, Literature, and Supply Secretaries. Miss Walker held meetings with Girls' Leaders, and members of Presbytery's Sub-committee, Mission Band and Explorer Leaders. She attended a Fellowship evening with Young Women of the City congregations at Tyndale House, and a City-wide rally of C.G.I.T. and spoke on behalf of the Presbyterian Church, and visited several Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. . . . Under Miss Walker's guidance a Young Women's Auxiliary was organized in Beckwith Memorial Church, and an Evening Department Auxiliary in Livingstone Church. She also visited **Ormstown** and **LaChute** Auxiliaries, and the W.A. of Ville St. Laurent, a new congregation meeting in the School. Much good work should result from Miss Walker's stay in the Presbyterial.

OTTAWA Presbyterial — Erskine Auxiliary, **Ottawa,** held a successful "Shamrock Tea" and Money Shower, at the Manse. At the January meeting Mrs. W.S.H. Sinclair was honoured for faithful service. Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, Presbyterial President was the Guest Speaker at **Gloucester** Auxiliary, giving a vivid and descriptive account of her tour of the Holy

Land. Mrs. Burnett said it was indeed a thrilling experience to walk about the streets where Christ had walked, and to stand before the Tomb from which He rose truimphant, on that first Easter Morning. Present day Easter Customs in the Holy Land, were described. Mrs. Scott Murray Past Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Wm. Eadie, Presbyterial Supply Secretary were also guests, and Mrs. Eadie spoke briefly on Supply work.

Mrs. Dora Spratt and Mrs. J. Johnston were honoured for faithful service. Mrs. T. H. Thomas presided, in the absence of the President.

Knox Auxiliary heard an interesting talk by Mrs. Fee, on the Early Churches in the Ottawa district, and in other parts of Canada.

QUEBEC Presbyterial — "Let us look behind our Financial Statements and see real people," were the opening remarks of the address given by Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Young Women's Associate Society of St. Andrew's **Sherbrooke.** The large group of members and friends were taken by Miss Walker across the length and breadth of Canada, meeting people who have been, and are being brought the story of the love and the saving grace of their Lord and Saviour, through the efforts of the Women's Missionary Society.

An Evening Department Conference 1953

The evening department of the three Eastern Synodical Societies hold their bi-annual conference this year.

The conference is being held in **New Westminster Church, Hamilton, May 15-16-17th.**

The conference theme is "Our Commission". **Miss Laura K. Pelton** is the theme speaker.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

March 31st, 1953

Receipts:

Picnic Grove Auxiliary, Lancaster, Ontario, "Milk for Babies' Home and Mobile Clinic, India"	$ 15.00
Special Offering, Bessie MacMurchy Auxiliary, Chippawa, "Support of Boy or Girl, Bhil Field"	50.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	5.00
Miss T. L. Scott, "Miss Agnes Hislop's Work"	10.00
Famine Relief in India	76.00
European Flood Relief	124.05
Hospitalization Rates from Workers	42.45
Pension rates from workers	714.92
Missionaries' Salaries deposited in Canada on request	924.33
Synodical Givings:	
Manitoba	470.00
Manitoba, Supplies	81.00
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Hamilton and London	5,324.21
Hamilton and London, Supplies	3.35
Montreal and Ottawa	800.00
	$10,840.31

Disbursements:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$ 1,203.28
Hospital Visitors	923.42
Deaconesses	542.49
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	550.60
Port Work	268.91
Van Expenses	236.84
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	425.00
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	191.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,400.85
Birtle, Government Grant	4,774.83
Overseas Missions:	
India:	
Bhil Field	7,492.08
Jhansi Field	1,085.00
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Grants	250.00
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British Guiana	1,187.91

Koreans in Japan	300.00
Training of Nationals	107.00
New Missionaries	83.16
Missionaries' Expenses	50.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	556.58
Overseas Contingency	370.35
Publications	1,122.25
Organization	2,619.62
Administration	1,467.35
Payments from Special Gifts	437.15
Supplies	1,966.64
Insurance and Taxes	138.50
Candidates	30.00
Candidate, Ewart Trust Fund	35.80
Christian Literature	5,400.00
Famine Relief in India	203.15
Grants, Canadian Overseas Missions Council	450.00
Payments from 1952 Balance	90.00
	$46,710.16

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Receipts:

Pension Fund	
Interest	$ 45.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	126.50
Legacy Fund	
Estate of Ruth Culver Dempsey, Victoria, B.C.	500.00
Payment on Windermere property	25.00
Interest	66.75
	$ 763.25

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Legacy Fund	
Nurses' Training, Bhil Field, India (Special Legacy)	$ 300.00
Projector for Formosa	75.00
Towards Building addition to Missionary and Deaconess Training School	7,000.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
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WORLD CHURCH NEWS

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Saving Westminster Abbey

A sum of three million dollars is needed to save Westminster Abbey from ruin and decay. London's rain, fog and grime are wearing down the building. Unless reconstruction is started soon, the crumbling stonework will be beyond repair. An appeal for the necessary funds was launched three weeks ago, and gifts are already rolling in to save the Abbey.

Refugees — Berlin

The Problem of refugees in Berlin continues to mount. Dr. Edgar Chandler, Director of Field Operations of the World Council of Churches' Service to Refugees, has visited Berlin recently. Increased support for the Church's programme to aid these homeless people has become essential, he says, because of the greatly increased influx of refugees from East Germany.

Lay Leaders — in South India

The Church of South India is establishing a body of lay preachers. Women will be eligible for this office as well as men. Qualified candidates recommended by a special committee in each diocese will be commissioned by the bishop and issued licenses renewable yearly. Each lay preacher will be attached to a parish for work among both Christians and non-Christians. They will receive no remuneration but travelling ekpenses.

Alliance of Reformed Churches

Social and economic differences are a greater hindrance to Church unity than credal or doctrinal divisions. That is the opinion of Dr. E. C. Blake, Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyteran Church in the U.S.A. He addressed the Western Section of the World Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at its meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. Nine Churches in the United States and Canada are members of the Western Section. The Section decided to set up a Commission on civil and religious liberty which would act for it in emergency situations. It heard a plea from Professor H. T. Kerr of Princeton for granting women equality of status and opportunity in the Church. It approved a resolution asking its member Churches to make known the distress of Christian communities in Pakistan.

Millions for Missions

American Churches are adopting increased budgets for missions, education, and relief. The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States adopted a budget of over five and a half million dollars for 1953, the largest in its history. The Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will spend almost six million dollars in 1953. It supports nearly eleven hundred missionaries in thirty-four countries. The General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has recommended a budget of four million dollars for 1954, six hundred thousand dollars more than for 1953.

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EDITORIAL

IN her Christmas broadcast Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth said to her people: "At my coronation next June, I shall dedicate myself anew to your service. I shall do so in the presence of a great congregation drawn from every part of the Commonwealth and Empire; while millions outside Westminster Abbey will hear the promises and the prayers being offered up within its walls and see much of the ancient ceremony in which Kings and Queens before me have taken part through century upon century."

"You will be keeping it as a holiday. But I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me on that day — to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making and that I may faithfully serve Him and you all the days of my life."

Such a request for such an occasion in the Nation's history cannot be ignored. In praying for our Queen on her Coronation day, we too become a part of the ancient ceremony — but more, we share in the responsibility of our Monarch in the heavy tasks that are hers. And not only should we feel this task upon us on the day of Coronation but we should be extremely conscious of the fact that the British Commonwealth of Nations looks beyond earthly guidance. We are thankful that this is so but we must never forget that each one has a part in invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the life of our Commonwealth.

The eyes of the world will be focused on one young woman June second of this year of our Lord. Perhaps as never before the people will be conscious of the high calling of our Monarch. Much has been said heretofore about the actual ruling powers of British Kings and Queens. But while they do not make laws or order them put into practice, they have an even more important task. Today we realize that in a democracy those who actually legislate and execute legislation are acting as we who elect them would have them act. They are our representative and their actions are guided by the standard of their electors. So a Monarch sets the example for the electors. By her interest in the development of the Commonwealth, as a community of nations influencing the world for peace; by her emphasis on spiritual values which will place science in the proper place as a gift to mankind, not as a destructive force, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, sets a standard for us all. In setting such a standard she dedicates her whole being to the service of God and of her people.

It seems significant for these times that the ruler of the British Commonwealth is a Queen: a woman, a wife, a mother. In a day when much is being said about the place of women in all walks of life, we realize that one woman cannot — and will not evade her calling. Nor can any woman who believes she is a Christian. Much as women may want to remain in the background and leave the more unpleasant and rigorous tasks for men, the time has come for us to leave the security we Canadian women have built around us and take our place in the world of affairs. This is a call for Christian women to share in the political life of our nation, in the business, professional and vocational life of Canada — and most important — in every phase of the Church's life. We must forget our selfish fears and quietly but earnestly take up the tasks that fall to our lot.

We will pray for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth; we will pray that she may be given the strength to carry out the solemn vows she takes before us all. We pray too that we may be worthy subjects and that our actions may be worthy of our heritage of citizenship within the British Commonwealth and of our calling to Service as Christian women.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

In this issue which appears in the month of the Coronation of our gracious Queen Elizabeth, we have attempted to place a little more than usual emphasis upon the place of women in our world today.

Three articles by three well-known Presbyterian women, Miss Agnes Roy, Mrs. Hugh MacMillan and Mrs. Arthur Cherry direct our thoughts to three important places in which women serve today: welcoming newcomers to our land and helping them to become a part of our Canadian way of life; in the Church and in the home. We direct your attention particularly to these articles.

HEAL THE SICK

By (MRS. HUGH)
DONALDA MacMILLAN

"Heal the sick... and say unto them, the Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you"

FROM the earliest years of the Christian Church until now, men and women in obedience to their Master's commission, with love and compassion, have gone forth to manifest His concern for the uncared millions of the world. Mission hospitals and medical schools, leprosaria, sanataria, and public health agencies are now functioning in many parts of Africa and Asia as visible expressions of the Gospel message in action. These form an integral part of the Christian communities of these countries and are taking root as a permanent element in the life and witness of these young churches. Though governments and peoples are being stirred to undertake the relief of the suffering of their own peoples, yet the young churches are convinced that the Christian ministry of health and healing must continue as a direct and necessary expression of the Christian gospel. This is a fresh emphasis on the ministry of healing which the older churches seem to have lost. Younger Christians believe that only those men and women who are imbued with the spirit of Christ's love and compassion have the spiritual power to save man from the depth of sin and suffering and set him on the path to a new life of wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

Christian medical work began in Formosa in 1865 when Dr. James Maxwell arrived from the Presbyterian Church in England as their first missionary to the island. Today the Chhiong-hoa Hospital and the Tainan Church Clinic continue in the work which was started almost a hundred years ago. Both these institutions are under the management of the Formosan Church and are assisted by missionary doctors and nurses. It is noteworthy from the standpoint of scientific research that the discoverer of the cause of the scourge of malaria (the anopheles mosquito) was Dr. Patrick Manson, who was a friend of James Maxwell and accompanied him on his arrival in Formosa. There Dr. Manson carried on his research for some time and later returned to London to found the society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

In 1872 George Leslie Mackay of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was sent to China to work in cooperation with the English Presbyterian missionaries. He began work in North Formosa. From the beginning he ministered to the sick. Though not a medical doctor yet he had considerable knowledge of drugs and some training in dentistry. A small hospital was started under his direction to care for the many sufferers who came to him for help. The British doctors who had been sent out to care for the business community there, ably supported him with professional services and leadership in comunity good will.

Later Dr. J. Y. Ferguson of Toronto was sent out by the Presbyterian Church and founded Mackay Memorial Hospital in 1912 in memory of the pioneer missionary in North Formosa.

Today the Formosan Church looks to the Mother Churches in Canada and England for help to shoulder the heavy task of caring for the many ill and diseased people in their midst.

Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipeh, now under the management of the Formosan Church, continues to serve a large number of patients. But the present lack of trained Christian medical staff hinders progress toward taking its full share in the building of the Christian community in North Formosa. It is to be greatly regretted, that, since the end of the war, no missionary medical doctor from our Church in Canada has answered the call to serve in this strategic centre of evangelistic and medical-social work.

Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, wife of Dr. Hugh MacMillan, is on the high seas. As you read this she and her husband are returning "home" to Formosa. Before coming on furlough Mrs. MacMillan was in charge of supplies at the MacKay Memorial Hospital, a task which took much of her time in addition to her regular duties as wife of a missionary. Mrs. MacMillan goes back to serve a people she loves very much.

SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS

By MAYDEE F. PAE

Beginning a series of articles introducing the ladies who head the seven Synodical Societies.

Mrs. W. J. Murdock

British Columbia

In the autumn of 1913 a family from Lanarkshire, Scotland, arrived in Chilliwack, British Columbia. One member of this family, a young woman, proceeded to Vancouver where she secured employment and very soon after, identified herself with St. John's Presbyterian Church. Here she very soon found herself teaching in the Sunday School and a member of the church choir.

In about a year's time this young woman was married and with her husband, Mr. W. J. Murdock, moved to Grandview, Vancouver. She became a member of Robertson Church where again her interest led her to work among the young people, the Senior and Junior choirs. These interests have continued and after having been a teacher of teen-age girls for over twenty years she may still be called upon when there is special need. She has realized the place and value of summer camps in the lives

of young people and has served at different times as Camp Director and Camp Mother.

Mrs. Murdock's association with the Women's Missionary Society began when she became a Home Helper member of Robertson Auxiliary. Her interest grew, and as soon as it was possible she became an active member. Having filled several offices she became auxiliary President, which office she held for a number of years. As a token of appreciation and esteem the Young Women's Auxiliary of Robertson Church presented her with an Honorary Membership in 1934. Mrs. Murdock was President of Westminster Presbyterial for 3 years after having filled the office of Recording Secretary, Young Women's Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, respectively.

This background of experience and training, together with a natural ability, gives to Mrs. Murdock an understanding and knowledge of her own Synodical and of the work of the Society as a whole. All of which makes of her a valued and dependable President. As she enters her third term of office we wish her God's Blessing and continued presence.

CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NAMES SECRETARY

The Rev. J. H. L. Puxley, M. A., L.Th., will join the staff of the Canadian Council of Churches July 1, 1953 He will serve as Secretary for Evangelism and Overseas Missions.

The Canadian Overseas Missions Council recently became the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches. The new Department nominated Mr. Puxley to be its Secretary. It has been arranged that Mr. Puxley will serve as Secretary for the Department of Evangelism (which includes University Christian Missions) as well as for the Department of Overseas Missions, and his appointment has now been confirmed.

The Rev. J. H. L. Puxley was educated at Eton, Oxford, and Yale. He served as a missionary and Professor of Economics in St. John's College Agra, India, 1932-1940. In the Second World War he was an officer in the Indian Army, 1940-1946, retiring with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He then came to Canada, studied theology at Trinity College, Toronto, and entered the ministry of the Church of England in Canada. Since 1949 he has been General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement of Canada.

SEARCHING

By LAURA K. PELTON

quoting an incident in Taiwan as told by

HILDUR HERMANSON

WE are wondering if there is a place in the world today where people are searching after truth and a satisfying faith with such open minds and hungry hearts as the Taiwanese on that frontier island of freedom.

Have you ever taken time out to imagine what it would be like to live without faith in God and in Jesus Christ? Have you ever stopped to wonder how people face the problems and sorrows of life without God? Has anything ever stirred within your mind or heart to cause you to try to imagine what it would be like to have a hungry fever burning within you in search of a faith that would bring you confidence, satisfaction and purpose in life, a faith that could help you through a dark, heavy mist of cloud in which there appeared no hope, no purpose, no sense of life at all?

This is what life is like for millions of people today and among those millions many are on the Island of Taiwan. Because of the presence of the Church there and of the witness of Christians, thousands and thousands of these people see in the people of the Church a ray of hope, sunshine on the shadow of life and they are asking, asking, asking — "What is Christianity? How does one become a Christian?"

The following excerpts from a letter just received from Miss Hermanson points up this searching, this seeking, this hunger. Read it and ponder.

"I had an unusual experience going into Tek-lam by bus one day. The bus driver asked me 'Are you a Christian?' and told me he also wanted to be one but did not know how. So I asked him to call on the minister at Tek-lam when in that town as his home is in another place where there is no church. It turned out that he was driving the bus only as far as Tek-lam so when I got out of the bus into a peddie-cab, he hopped into it too and went with me. I was a bit shocked as I had just the week before, had my hand-bag snatched and lost money, so did not know what was going to happen.

The minister and a theological student were free to talk to him. He stayed through my class and bought some books to begin studying. Next day Miss Mizell (one of the missionaries from The Presbyterian Church South, U. S.) and some friends came from Taipei and we all climbed a mountain that afternoon with a number of my Formosan friends from two of my points and this man came with us too. A theological student was with us and two elders so that they had a good opportunity to talk to him. When he heard that Miss Mizell was to preach at another point (Lam-chng) that night he went home for his wife and child and came there too!"

THE GIVER

"You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give . . .
And there are those who have little and give it all.
These are the believers in life and the bounty of life.
And their coffer is never empty.

And there are those who give with joy,
And their joy is their reward.
And there are those that give with pain,
And that pain is their baptism.

And there are those who give and know not the pain of giving,
Nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue!
They give as in yonder valley the myrtle
Breathes its fragrance into space.
Through the hands of such as these God speaks
And from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth."

— Gibran, Syrian Christian poet (From Women and Missions).

Miss Agnes Roy, Executive Director of the National Council, Y.W.C.A., tells of our responsibility to new Canadians.

THE CHURCH WOMAN —AND IMMIGRATION

IN Letters to Young Churches—a translation of the New Testament Epistles—J. B. Phillips, translated I Peter III vs. 8 as "To sum up, you should all be of one mind, living like brothers with true love and sympathy for each other, generous and courteous at all times".

During the past seven years Canada has welcomed some 616,000 newcomers. The YWCA through its 58 branches in 47 cities has had an opportunity to participate in welcoming many of these people. Through Travelers' Aid, Counselling, Room Registry, and Residence Service the Association workers have had the privilege and responsibilty of talking with countless individuals in the very beginning stages of their introduction to this, their new homeland. By their commitment to the Christian Purpose of the YWCA, and by their training, YWCA workers are sensitive to the needs of individuals, and we trust, generous and courteous at all times.

Because of the work which the YWCA has done jointly in the Displaced Persons and Resettlement camps in Europe, the YWCA has had a very close conection with Displaced Persons and refugees. Many newcomers to Canada who knew the Association either in their own country, or in Displaced Persons camps, look to the Canadian YWCA for a continuation of this contact.

In most local YWCA's newcomers are given one year's free membership, and new Canadians are active both in clubs and activities specifically planned for newcomers. The YWCA is very proud that today we have on our Canadian staff some thirty-three newcomers to Canada, and the total program of the Canadian YWCA has been greatly enriched in the past three years by the contribution of these staff members and of the many volunteers who are giving leadership to the work of the Association out of a very different background and tradition.

The YWCA is, comparatively speaking, a very small cog in the great organizational machinery of this country. A Christian organization but not a church, the YWCA works co-operatively with the churches in various branches of its work. Since the beginning of the present immigration plan the YWCA has worked co-operatively with the Women's Inter-Church Committee in relaying from the Government the names of young women entering Canada under the assisted passage plan. Using the great network of women's church organizations the Women‘s Inter-Church Council of Canada has created a plan where very soon after her arrival in a new community each young woman is called on by a member of the church most nearly like that to which she belonged in her home country. What of these visits? Are we making the best of this golden opportunity as church women? There is no pattern of stock questions which will guide the interviews, but sensitivity and concern for others will help. Some newcomers will be shy, fearful and hesitant because of their poor command of the English language. Your first contact with them may not be more than a smile and a handshake. Then you may find yourself listening to a flood of abuse from someone who arrived in the country full of hope and whose first experiences have created for her a sense of disillusionment and unhappiness. Here you may find that what is needed from you is a sympathetic ear. Your part in the first visit may be no more than a series of yes's and no's, with the appropriate head motions. Let us avoid such phrases as "I know exactly how you feel", because we really cannot. And above all let us not in the early contacts talk about how wonderful Canada is. It is a wonderful country and we are proud to be Canadians. The newcomers, too, will be proud Canadians given time to adjust to the differences between the old land and the new, not all of which are in one form we must admit.

There will be times of course when one's first visit will be easy and relaxed and when the newcomer will be eager to know all she can from you about your church, the community and opportunities especially for learning English. You will have an opportunity, too, to discover the newcomer's special interests and let her know that her abilities and talents are needed.

First visits should be followed up by the first visitor or by another person whose interests are similar to that of the newcomer. And when the newcomer attends church service or other church meetings special thought should be given to welcome and introductions.

In addition to the young woman coming out under special projects there are many families moving daily into our neighborhood.

Church women have a very special responsibility to the mothers in these families. Reports from across the country indicate that they are very lonely and are the group which is making slowest progress in learning English. The children are learning at school, the husband and father is learning at work, and in order to get ahead in his work is probably attending night classes. The mother at home all day is losing out and in many instances losing her ambition to learn. Does your church know how many new families are in its district? The Ministerial Association or the community committee concerned wth helping newcomers could assist you to discover the answer.

Do you know whether there is or could be informal English classes at a time when mothers could come, with supervised play for pre-school children during the teaching period if needed? Individually, too, much can be done in introducing the newcomer to our money, our shops, the laundromat, etc.

Women's Missionary Societies would find the study of the integration of new Canadians a fascinating one. Begin with the European situation and discover why there are so many people needing to come to Canada. Study the Canadian situation to discover why we need and can take many more immigrants. This may lead to a desire on your part to sponsor a family and if so you would then contact Mr. G. E. Truman, Canadian Council of Churches, 3 Willcocks St., Toronto. Mr. Truman could provide material to help in your study and you could also secure representation through the Canadian Citizenship Council, Elgin Street, Ottawa.

It is probably too soon yet to adequately assess developments but in the not too distant future some research group in Canada will be reporting on the contribution of the newcomers since 1949 to the life of this country and it will be a thrilling story, a story in which the women of the receiving country who have assisted the newcomers through friendly contact will be proud to be mentioned.

Such a thoughtful approach to the needs of the newcomers could be for the women of our church an adventure in understanding which would lead to our disuse of such comments as "she's a foreigner but she's nice".

"To sum up, you should all be of one mind living like brothers with true love and sympathy for each other, generous and courteous at all times."

(Mrs. Hugh) Donalda MacMillan, Missionary to Taiwan, faces the problem of the place of Women in today's world. Her reference materials are her own knowledge of the place of women in the Churches of Asia and a recent book on the subject by Dr. Kathleen Bliss.

WOMEN—
IN THE CHURCH
AND IN THE WORLD

IT is a well known fact that women constitute more than half of the world's population and in some countries the proportion of women is higher than in others. The restating of this fact raises the question of the degree of women's participation in the world's affairs, social ,political and religious.

A glance over history will show that in the earlier periods of human history, women played an influential part in determining social and political matters. This influence arose out of peculiar circumstances that soon ended. Then for long periods of time the influence declined until comparativly recent times.

A distinctive contribution of women to society came, however, through the life and experience of the Hebrew people, and especially through Christianity. Dr. Kathleen Bliss, in her book, "The Service and Status of Women in the Churches", says that this has come through a new "relationship" with men. The fundamental point of view of the New Testament concerning the religious equality of women with men has by degrees raised the social position of woman and made her free to make a higher contribution also in the life of the Church. Yet this new position of women has been slow in getting any widespread recognition even in the Church. Unsettled political and social conditions, for one thing, over long periods of time made it unsafe for a woman to come very far out of the four walls of her home to make her contribution to social betterment. Through the Church's history women have played their part in its life and work but, with few exceptions, always in the background. Even the Reformation did not for centuries give women the new place in the Christian community that was her God-given right. Nor were the customs and attitudes of people generally in any way tolerant. At the end of 19th century, however, according to United Nation's reports, progress has been made. To-day, in at least 65 countries women have political rights with men, either equally or to a limited degree. This lifting of age-old barriers is offering to women doorways to larger fields of service, but the question is, as Dr. Bliss asks, "Will the gifts and willingness of women be used to the best advantage by the Churches and Society?"

In the churches in many parts of the world, particularly in the younger churches, women serve as elders and deacons. They are elected democratically by the whole congregation without distinction of sex, having an equal and free voice in all church affairs. Not a few have full theological training and serve as assistant pastors or as pastors in full charge of congregations. But Christian women's greatest contribution is not through individuals becoming elders or pastors. As Mlle Barot, secretary of the World Council of Churches' Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, stated on a visit to this continent recently "A few years ago the question of ordination was generally regarded as the most important one in regard to women in the Church. Now, it is seen as only part of a more general question. We have become greatly concerned because the Church does not seem to be making the impact it should on the lives of people. Within the Church, women have felt imprisoned by structures they have had no part in creating. They have come to realize that the real question for them is: What is the will of God for His Church on earth? And this involves the question of what is the will of God in man-woman relationship within the Church?" Mlle. Barot reported that in Europe Christian women have become convinced that they must re-study this relationship in the light of the Bible, the doctrine of the Church and sociological developments in the modern world.

Such studies will not necessarily centre around the concept of the Church as an organization or institution, but in the matter of assisting the family to fulfil its roll the basic unit both in the Church and in society. Dr. Bliss concludes her book with this statement.

"When women grow tired with organizations and meetings they go back to their homes and begin again in the way that is second nature to them, talking in the queue and over the garden fence and bringing in a couple of friends to drink a cup of tea, meeting the children from school and getting to know the teacher and the health visitor and the tradesmen. They, in other words, hold in their hands most of the threads which can re-unite the Church to the local community. Where the woman is at work, there also the Church can be at work through her."

Prayer

LORD of lords, and King of kings, we approach thy throne in humility and penitence, knowing that the way is open to us through Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Redeemer. In so far as Thou canst see in us some faint reflection of the image in which Thou didst create us we beseech Thee to grant us Thy forgiveness and blessing.

We give thanks for our Gracious Queen, Elizabeth, and for the beauty and integrity of her character. We pray that Thou wilt continue to strengthen and sustain her for she 'is young and tender and the work is great'. Wilt Thou bless and uphold her majesty, the members of the Royal family and all those who conduct and participate in the ancient and sacred rites of the Coronation cermonies. May her reign show and increase in Christian example and influence and express the true and divinely appointed right which she has so willingly accepted—the right to serve.

Bless Thy Church throughout the world. Be present with all those who gather together for its advancement in faith and work. Guide and control the deliberations of the General Assembly of our own church, be with its ministers, officers and members, and with its missionaries and those of our Society.

May those who travel have journeying mercies and those who continue in 'the daily round, the communion task' be encouraged by the certainty of Thy protecting love and care.

Enable each one of us, dear Father, to search our heart for the realization of its special need, and the understanding that it is only as we are counted worthy that Thou wilt use us in Thy service. 'Lead us in the paths of righteousness where the pastures are always green and the waters ever still'. For Jesus Christ's sake,

Amen.

(Mrs. A. J.) Leeta McCully Cherry, Member of Council Executive reports on discussions by Christian woman on the challenge which the housewife faces every day of her life.

THE CHURCH WOMAN —IN HER HOME

ONE of the most rewarding experiences which has come to me in recent years was the privilege of attending, as one of the representatives of the women of our Presbyterian Church, the recent Lay Conference on "The Christian and His Daily Work", held in London under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Churches. Earnest, thinking men and women from all walks of life were gathered there together, 110 of them, from 12 representative religious bodies, all seeking guidance and realism in living the full Christian life in every line of daily vocation and activities; each one questioning deeply and thoughtfully his own attitudes and his own failures, honestly asking of his own heart these questions—"Wherein am I failing in being what I ought to be as a worthy follower of Jesus Christ? Wherein am I to blame that the influence of my Church is not more keenly felt in my own community? How can I make the principles of my own Christian faith a vital, integral part of every angle of my daily work, and bring them to bear upon every decision and every situation I must meet as I go about my work?" Never have I witnessed such anxious soul-searching; such willingness to acknowledge one's own failures and responsibilities and to place the blame for today's unconcern, not on the shoulders of the Church, the rest of the world or the Community, but squarely on the individual Christian who did not, in every facet of his life-work, realize his own great responsibility to practice and uphold genuine Christian character and standards in every perspective and meaning.

Delegates found themselves meeting together in four general discussion groups, and also individually allotted to some one of the eight occupational groups, each of which met twice for special consideration of the problems and issues common to all in that particular occupation and interest. To my great interest I found myself assigned to the Housewive's Group, and a more vital, stimulating group of women could never have come together for any other purpose. Nor could they have proven more conclusively the inestimable value of this meeting-together of women of all faiths and creeds on the common ground of our difficulties, opportunities and responsibilities in carrying the Christian witness into every phase of home, family and community life — into the small irritations of the housewife's day as well as the larger decisions as life presented them to her. There was never any hanging-back or side-stepping of an issue; no waiting for someone else to start things going. Instead there was always evident a great eagerness and desire to get into the main reason for our coming together; to help and be helped; to give deep consideration to reaching a worth-while conclusion for every question laid before the Group. "How can I, under all circumstances, be a Christian in my daily work, my home, and my neighborhood?" This was the basic topic underlying all discussions, and it was talked-over from many angles, the united opinion being that the Christian woman could and should make her Christian influence felt through her motherhood, her home-making, and her interested participation in Community Service Groups.

So many questions and subjects came up in the informal conversations and discussions of those busy women, almost every one of whom had some definite line of activity or interest outside her home, in addition to her normal domestic life! "What should be my attitude with regard to buying raffle tickets and lucky draws from my friends who are trying to raise money that way for some good cause — maybe one I am interested in also?" querried one woman. "I don't believe in that sort of thing myself, yet if I refuse to buy, will my friends think me narrow and biased?" Keen discussion followed and the considered answer was that always the Christian woman must be consistent to her Christian principles. Especially in the secular organizations of her community should she make evident her Christian witness, not sanctimoniously or ostentatiously, but in quiet sincerity. She should never condone irreverance, or the lowering in any way of her Christian standards.

"How in the rush of family life, can I find the time or quiet for personal devotions?" "When I am saying Grace before meals, is it right to include personal needs?" These queries opened up the whole question of Prayer, of Family Devotions, and the wisdom of encouraging the husband to lead in family worship, in the sacred observance of Sunday, and in Church going. The strong feeling of the group was for a greater emphasis on devotions in the home, the Church, outside organizations, and in the personal lives of the family group, both individually and together. That the true Christian woman would carry the principles of her religious life into any of the large National Groups to which she might belong, was the verdict of the Group.

"We ARE the Church in our Community," said another speaker. "Are we worthy?" "Either our attitudes and reactions are helpful or harmful to our Church. Unconsciously, you may be somebody else's ideal. Dare you fail them? Are the Groups in your Church, for instance, really inclusive? Is every woman made truly welcome, without regard to her social standing? Is the scope of our group world-wide enough to interest everyone?" Much thought was then given as to the best methods of interesting the mature woman in her local Church; the working woman; the mother of young children. Someone else asked for help in handling the delicate problem of the too-indulgent grandmother in the home, and in dealing with such relationship in the up-bringing of her children. Should the young mother wait until her children are grown before entering into Church or outside work, and what type of practical help could her Church offer her? In the face of the unending testings and demands made upon the housewife's energy, time and patience, how can she witness her faith, and find her Church life a personal help? How much time should the Christian housewife give to her Church, her outside activities and to extra-mural doings of her husband and children? All of these were typical questions, each leading into much practical discussion, and opening into many a bypath of mutual need and solution.

It was felt by all that the lack of household help is a great handicap for young mothers in keeping up with the interests of her husband and children, and in following the trend of world affairs. Since the average housewife generally lives in an environment that makes idealism relatively easy, while husbands usually work in situations which demand realism, do we face a conflict between the stern realism of the man's world and the idealism of the home? The consensus of opinion was that there must be a sharing, both ways — a two-way channel of thought and understanding between husband and wife, and a mutual interest in the strengthening both of home and Church by encouraging the children and young people to want and appreciate family worship and the value of true religion in the home. The Christian home will always be the one thing that lasts; the basis of all our lives, and the criterion by which we meet and react to any experience which may prove our testing throughout the years.

These are but a very few of the many differing types of subjects which were thoughtfully and earnestly talked-over in those two busy sessions. Much was gained, and much was given. Meeting at first as strangers, the bond of common interests and needs soon welded that Group of women into true fellowship, friendship and mutual understanding. "We must have many more such Conferences as this!" they decided. "We must get together again, and when we go home, we must carry the helpfulness of this meeting with us, so that others may share in the blessing and fellowship we have ourselves received. We must organize small off-shoots of this Layman's Conference in every community. This is what we need—the men and women of all denominations and phases of work coming together in informal little groups to really talk things over and to try to solve our mutual problems and perplexities. This way we can come closer, both to each other and the Christian way of Life, and this way, too, we will get closer to the thought and influence of our ministers. We are all too prone to demand of them a much higher standard than we ask of ourselves; to let our religion rest after Sunday is past! If there is a gap between the clergy and the laity, the responsibility for helping to close it rests equally on both sides. Such conferences as this help us to realize that truth, and to see wherein we ourselves are at fault."

W.M.S. Aids the Missionary and Deaconess Training School

Several months ago we reported the opening of the new Assembly Hall at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

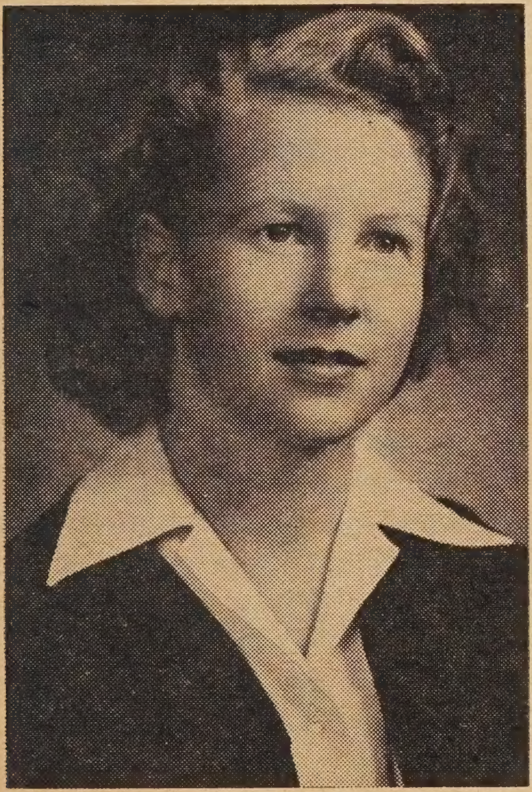
The Women's Missionary Society has always had a great interest in the training of young women for full time service in the Church. This interest was evidenced seven years ago when funds were being collected for the Presbyterian Peace Thankoffering. At that time $7,000.00 was put aside to be used for such an addition. This fact was recalled and the money was made available to those responsible for the construction of the fine new building. Thus the foresight of those interested in the training of women a decade ago has helped those who were able to execute the plans for the much-needed building.

Geraldine Greer describes her first impression of Taiwan.

AROUND THE ISLAND

In the winter vacation this China New Year, I had the opportunity of making a quick trip around the island. I should like to tell you about the experiences Miss Hermansen, Miss Macdonald, an English Presbyterian, an American lady and myself enjoyed on this "around the island venture".

I had taken the night train to Tainan where I was met by Miss Gould and our own Margaret MacKenzie who was visiting there. In the afternoon, Miss Pierce, who is organizing a kindergarten training centre for the English Presbyterian Mission, and myself took the train to Kaohsiung. We arrived in time for the tail-end of the T.K.C. Young Peoples' Conference. From there we were whisked away by Mrs. Lim. That evening we had a wonderful Taiwanese meal in Margaret Lim's home — prawns, chicken and all. Miss Pierce and I stayed with the Lims that night and, of course, they asked me all about their daughter in Toronto.



The next day we were met by Miss Hermanson, Miss MacDonald and our American friend and the five of us set out for the long eight-hour bus trip through the mountains. We left the ocean on the west coast to gain sight of it on the east coast. At the bus stops along the way we were able to buy oranges and bananas.

When we arrived in Taitung we

made our way to the church and the pastor's home. As this was the evening of the World Day of Prayer, each of us was asked to speak. We were surprised to see more men than women at their meeting.

At our next stop along the east coast we had an interesting visit in the pastor's home. First we were greatly attracted by the pastor's ten-months old baby who seemed to like having missionaries come to see him. A Formosan meal was ordered and we sat on the floor and chatted, keeping our chopsticks busy. Seated around the steaming fish and bi-hun were the pastor and his wife, a Bunan student who was introduced to us as a Christian who who had been a fighter and a drinker, a Tyal preacher, an American, a Britisher and three Canadians. Of course, we talked about languages. After lunch, we looked at Scripture written in tribal dialects, asked the Bunan and the Tyal each to read in his own tongue and then we all did some singing.

At Hwalien, we stayed with an American Presbyterian couple who work amongst the Aboriginies and also supervise the Bible School in Hwalien. We paid visits to the dentist, a Lutheran Sister who instructs the mountain boys in dentistry. We also visited a mountain church with thatched roof and earthen floor. We were assured by the student there, that it was filled to its capacity of two hundred on Sundays.

On Sunday we chose to attend different services, there being three conducted in Taiwanese and one in Mandarin. I went with our hostess to Pastor Wu's church. Three languages were used in this service. The minister conducted the communion service in Formosan and it was interpreted into Mandarin by a young Chinese. When a Formosan girl came to the front to join the Church, Taiwanese was used. When a girl from one of the mountain tribes was baptized, Japanese was spoken. When a Chinese lady was baptized, Mandarin was read. At the end of the service, a grandfather led a little girl of about two and a half to the front of the church for baptism.

The most thrilling part of the journey was the bus trip home along the cliff-drive. The narrow road twists around the side of the mountains which rise at most points sheer up from the ocean. The bus seems to creep along in space, with nothing below but the blue Pacific.

This has been a wonderful and worth-while experience for me. I have now seen some of the work our church has done and is doing in Formosa. Thus I feel better equipped to teach students who have come from and will return to the communities which I have visited.

CHILDREN ON THE ROOF

By BARBARA WEIR

Hospital Visitor in London, Ontario

CHILDREN have a great many experiences to learn from life but how often we adults find that it is the children who can teach us in the way in which they face life's trials. Little folk who are sick in hospital so often manage even though very ill to rally a smile of welcome when the hospital visitor comes to see them. It has been such a pleasure to have a little gift for each of these girls and boys who are in hospital. Many scrap books have come from our Mission Band groups. I remember how pleased Jackie was with his little book so carefully prepared by some busy Mission Bander. When I entered the room Jackie was crying. He had just been undergoing several hospital tests which were not too pleasant and his Mummie was so far away that she could not be there to hold his hand through this experience in hospital. Jackie did not cease to cry when I entered the room. After we had talked for a while trying to tell Jackie that the nurses and doctors were all very anxious for him to be strong again he quieted down just a little. I took out a pretty scrap book and told him a story about one of the pictures. Soon we were good friends and I promised him that since Mummie was so far away I would be in to see him again soon. Jackie was smiling as I left and he turned to look at the book as I said farewell.

Once a week it is my privilege to take the girls and boys who are able to go, up to the roof of the hospital. Here we have a good time playing in the sand in the summer, or in the snow in the winter time. Many of the children who go to the roof are post-polio patients. They have had a long period in hospital and are so happy to be able to get out for a wee while. We read stories to them and sometimes we bring the record player and play children's hymns and songs to them.

In the snapshot by the sand pile

we see one little chap with his head all bandaged. Billie was in a car accident and had to have several skin grafts on his head. He was such a happy little soul. Whenever I went to the hospital, morning or afternoon he would come running down the hall as soon as he spyed me and say, "let's go to the roof". His face would sadden for a while when I told him that this wasn't our day to go to the roof. Billie made a wonderful recovery and will now be playing more often in the sunshine he loved.

Many of the little boys and girls are on crutches, some are taken up by stretcher. The nurses give us special instructions about little Mary whose heart is weak. Mary must be amused so that she will not want to run with the other girls and boys. These little folk learn to accept their own physical weaknesses and to help others who cannot do as much as they can.

Billie and his friends on the roof.

"With Guidance More Divine"

I'll not turn back to past mistakes
And dwell on them again;
But onward press to future tasks
With strength renewed and sane.

No matter what the past has held,
The future days are mine;
To plan, to work, to build anew
With guidance more divine.

A larger life, a deeper faith,
A purer love, a nobler goal
Shall be the aim of my desire,
The earnest purpose of my soul.

— R. H. Whitney, in The Presbyterian Hospital Weekly Messenger.

1953 GRADUATES

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS TRAINING SCHOOL

By MRS. G. D. RALSTON

Miss Florence Goertzen

Miss Florence Goertzen was born in Altona, Manitoba but received most of her education in Winnipeg. After graduating from High School Miss Goertzen did secretarial work for five years. She showed her interest in the work of the Church by taking an active part in Christian Education in her home church, Elmwood, Winnipeg, before enrolment in the Missionary and Deaconess School. During the summer vacations she served the Church in Northern Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario. She is now under appointment to work in the city of Calgary.

Miss Roma Rodd was born in Charlottetown, P.E.I., was educated at Prince of Wales College and Mount Allison Summer School. Miss Rodd taught Public School in Prince Edward Island for several years before enrolment in the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess School. Miss Rodd was the winner of the Scholarship for General Proficiency in each year of her course. During summer vacations she worked for the Board of Missions in New Brunswick and in Sarnia Presbytery. Miss Rodd will shortly begin work in Alberta, as supervisor of Daily Vacation Bible Schools for the Alberta Christian Education Council.

Miss Roma Rodd

Miss Anne MacEachern

Miss Anne MacEachern was born at Montague, P.E.I., received her High School education at Prince of Wales College. After attending Normal School she taught public school for several years. Miss MacEachern took an active part in the work of her home church and in that of the Provincial and Maritime Young Peoples' Society. During the three years of her course at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School she as the other students had practical experience in the Departments of Christian Education of Toronto churches. During the summer vacations she worked for the Board of Missions in survey work at Edmonton and in Newfoundland. She is now under appointment as a Regional Secretary with the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Agnes Margaret Gollan, B.A., is a graduate of Kingston Collegiate and Queen's University, where she took an active part in the Student Christian Movement. Before coming to the Missionary and Deaconess Training School Miss Gollan gave valued service in Church School and C.G.I.T. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston. In the summer of 1952 she did survey work under the Board of Missions in Sault Ste. Marie. Miss Gollan has been accepted for overseas missionary service. This summer she is appointed to work under the Women's Missionary Society in Saskatchewan. In September she will go to England for further study.

Miss Agnes Margaret Gollan, B.A.

Miss Lillian Reay was born in Red Deer, Alta., where she secured her education. After graduating from High School she worked in the Post Office in Calgary. Miss Reay showed her interest in the work of the Church by taking part in Children's and young peoples work. During her Course at the Missionary Training School she was employed during her summer vacations by the Women's Missionary Society as a Van worker in the Peace River district and in survey work in Regina. Following her Designation Service she will again work in the Peace River district under the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Lillian Reay

Miss Joan Rochement

Miss Joan Rochement, B.A., was born in Tobago, British West Indies and came to Canada in 1935 and completed her education in Montreal. Following her High School education she served in the Air Force for two years. She then entered McGill University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. Miss Rochement took her teacher training course at the Ontario College of Education. She taught High School for three years before her enrolment in the Missionary and Deaconess Training School and Knox College. Miss Rochement was active in Church School work and in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. She has been accepted for overseas missionary work. During this summer she will work at Rocky Mountain House, Alta. She will leave in September for England for further study.

"When He had called unto Him His twelve disciples He gave them power to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases."

"TO HEAL ALL MANNER OF DISEASE"

By ACHAYAMMA. B. Sc.

We know that India is country made up of villages, and the majority of our people are farmers. The methods they adopted to carry on this work are very primitive, and the monsoon is the main source to give life to their plants. The failure of the monsoon for the last five years dragged them into dreadful poverty. Ignorance and poverty helped in the outbreak of many epidemics, causing great loss of life. North Arcot district in Madras Presidency is one of the famine stricken areas, about which we have been hearing in papers this long time.

One day a call came to us from a place called Chittore, about 18 miles away from Vellore, asking us whether we could do anything to save the cholera stricken people in that area. This call came to us only after a few deaths had taken place. Two doctors and two nurses were asked to go and help those dying people. I was fortunate to be called.

It was on July 9th at 9:30 p. m. we were called in. By 11:30 p. m. our party started with all the necessary things in the hospital ambulance. The night was so dark, and gloomy, and it was drizzling by the time we reached the village. There was nothing to disturb the quietness of the night, except the noisy breathing of the weary souls, who were resting after the day's heavy work, without proper food. We had to walk about one mile from our bus stop to reach the stricken village. We proceeded slowly, with the things in our hands.

We recognized our destination by a tiny kerosene lamp burning at a distance. At times the lightning showed our way clearly. On the way to the spot we saw many huts without anybody to own them. Like the three wise-

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Mrs. Gehman with students at Vellore.

men we went forward fixing our eyes on the distant light. At last we reached the place, where we saw a mother of 30 years and girl of 14 years in the midst of cattle and fowl, which were the only assets they possessed in the world They were laid on a bed of sand. There was only one sari to cover them both. Both of them were rolling in agony of pain due to severe cramps. When we looked around we saw in one of the corners, a pile of rags and in another corner a heap of sand to remake their beds when it was necessary. The poor father of the family, who was tired from nursing the loved ones, was sleeping on a piece of mat in another corner. One chicken and a goat were standing in between them, as though the guard of these perishing souls.

As soon as we reached there, straight away we started the intravenous infusions as fast as we could. After some time we saw the signs of life coming into those half dead skeletons. Then we cleaned them up, and fixed them in beds of papers. One of us stayed with the patients and the rest went around collecting the people who had escaped from this dreadful disease, to give innoculation. Only the old people and the young children who could not run away from the place were left in the corners of the huts. Some of them tried to hide from us, but gradually they all came and got the injections.

By the time we finished the injections, it was 4 a. m. and the moon was just coming up. One of the old women who got the injections came forward and asked for further instructions on how to escape from this fatal disease. As they all were anxious to know the preventative measures, they sat there listening to the answer to the old lady. We talked to them about the protection of water supply and food, disposal of excreta and care of hands. Many of them made us repeat it many times so that they would not miss any word spoken there. They went back to their houses and started doing things as they were told.

It is one of the million stories that are happening around us at present. Whose responsibility is it to go forward and help these suffering millions? It is you, and I, who are expected to do our best.

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Preparing for 1953-54

The Africa study year is passing swiftly. In it some will have learned a little, some will have learned a great deal about that country, its problems and what the Christian Church has done and can do in such a setting. Now it is time to think of the study year ahead.

For the year 1953-54 the general theme is "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" — into that theme will be fitted the programmes for the various groups within the Women's Missionary Society Family, Children's, Girls' and Auxiliaries. It is a great and serious theme, therefore we would ask ourselves—How best can leaders and Auxiliary members prepare for such a theme as that?

First of all in order to consider the "life and task" of the Church in the world we need to know the kind of world in which the Church has to live and work. As we read our daily papers and current magazines let us read them with the intention of finding out all we can about the state of the world. As we read let us not shut our eyes to the conditions round about us in Canada or in lands across the seas; let us face realities but let us be challenged rather than discouraged by them.

We will find that the world is indeed in "revolution". We will however not forget that in every land are groups of Christians—the Church of Jesus Christ. No matter in what land we live we, who profess to follow Christ, are a part of that "great company". The difficulties of one group should be the problem of all; their sorrows as well as their joys should be shared. In preparation for 1953-54 let us realize that we must work together as fellow Christians.

At the Spring meetings of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education where themes and materials for the coming years were discussed seriously, there were quite a number present who had visited recently various branches of the Church around the world. All were keenly aware of the serious problems faced by older and younger churches alike, but all gave thanks for those churches and took courage. One who had visited Africa reported a Christian African as saying, "Our country is very dark—but there are lights and the chief lights are those in the hands of friends". Similarly we might say as we approach the "life and task" of the Church around the world" that the world is "very dark" but there are lights and the "chief lights" are those in the hands of Christian friends.

As we prepare for 1953-54 let us think seriously of what share we are willing to take in so great a task. What kind of light does our Church and Women's Missionary Society shed in the world? What kind of light do we as individuals shed?

One speaker at the meetings of the J.C.M.E. emphasized some points which we should ponder as we approach the 1953-54 theme. They were briefly these:—To be effective the Church must be ready to show the relevancy of the Christian Gospel to all of life. Christians must have CONVICTION in regard to the uniqueness of God in the revelation of Jesus Christ. The members of the Christian Church must be prepared to face with COURAGE the pressures which are bound to come; to foster CONCERN for all the difficulties in the world; to develop a CONSCIENCE about injustice in the world and they must be prepared to work for the complete COMMITMENT of all members to the cause of Jesus Christ.

As we approach the 1953-54 theme—"The Life and Task of the Church around the World", let us think on these things.

Prepare for the 1953-54 theme, "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World", by reading such books as:—

FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES by Basil Mathews. The story of the outreach of Christianity around the world from the time of Paul to 1950. Price $1.50.

WORLD CHRISTIANITY: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow by H. P. VanDusen. Price $1.00.

THE KINGDOM WITHOUT FRONTIERS by Hugh Martin. The witness of the Bible to the missionary purpose of God. Price .50.

THE WAY OF THE WITNESSES by Edward Shillito. Missions and the New Testament. Price .50.

REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN EUROPE by Stewart Herman. A penetrating appraisal of the over-all state of Christianity on the European continent today. Price $2.50.

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU ?

By LAURA K. PELTON

How do you approach a coming event in which you have a personal interest? Do you look forward to it, imagining some of the things that may occur? If it happens to be a trip you are going to take do you read about the places you are going to see? If it is an outstanding musical event do you procure information about the artist and read something about the compositions? In other words, do you approach the event with anticipation and preparation or do you just let it break over your head without a thought?

There is an event approaching which should be of personal interest to every adult member of our Society,—the new 1953-54 study. Does it sound terribly prosaic? Are you tempted to toss it off with "Oh, is that what she means?

Have you ever thought of the different ways in which God speaks to His people? Did it ever occur to you that He might have something of great importance to say to us through our mission study? He might, you know; in fact we believe He has. God can speak to His people only as they prepare for His word however He may choose to speak it.

We should like to make one or two suggestions by way of preparation for the new study.

The subject of the 1953-54 study is to be "The Church Around the World". If God is going to speak to us through this study why not let's do a little thinking about the world in which we live today, comparing it with the world which we knew before 1914, getting a piece of paper and a pencil and writing down the outstanding events which have completely changed life today from what it was prior to 1914; not just as it may be changed in Canada, but the global change. What has happened in Europe? What has happened to China? What is the significance of the war in Korea? What is behind all the political unrest in Latin America? What are the frustrations and the pressures that have brought about the uprising in Kenya? What is the Mau Mau trying to do anyway?

After we have sorted out all these, let's ask this question: How is the Church going to communicate the Gospel message to this changed world? What is the mission of the Church? Is the message today the same as it was in apostolic times? Do we require new methods and new techniques for this new world?

Why not let's read something, some of the latest books on the world revolution as it affected Europe, China, as it is affecting Africa. It won't hurt us to do some reading of this sort. We have the 'digest' complex and do not seem to want to take time to find out what is back of the news. Probably we catch it from some commentator for about ten minutes after the news in the evening, but we want more than that, we want to do some of our own thinking.

Then let us go back and study the nature and the purpose of the Church as we find it in the book of Acts. Let us get ready for this coming event in which God may have some very important things to say to us.

What shall we do when the study finds its way to our Auxiliary? Shall we just sit back and fold our hands and see what the President or the Programme Committee are going to say to us? What are we in this great drama of life, just spectators? Or are we going to get on the stage and take part? Events are moving too rapidly, world conditions and situations are too critical for any of God's people to sit on the side as spectators. Either we are for Him or against Him and mere spectators are against Him.

Let's get into this new study and pull our weight. If we are asked to take one of the meetings or to take part with others in the meetings, let's do something more than just read what we find in a book. Let's do our own thinking, let the material that comes into our hands go through the channel of our own nature and our own relationship to God, our own thought of the mission and the Church and give out something from ourselves. As we know so shall we do and as Christians do today so may the world become tomorrow.

Jo-Anne Tillisch, Presbyterian representative to National Camp from Calgary, now a student at the Deaconess Training School, tells what camp means to her.

FOR A STOREHOUSE OF MEMORIES

Just about one year ago the excitement and enthusiasm created by National Camp was reaching a peak. That camp is now a thing of the past but there are many contributions that it will be making to C.G.I.T. for years to come. One such contribution is that it has served to make C.G.I.T. "camp-conscious". And as a result a good many girls will be going to camp this summer who had never thought of the idea before.

What sort of life will they find? What do you do at camp? Well, I believe that camping is the most interesting, enjoyable and profitable holiday that you can have.

One of the interesting aspects of camp is the people you meet. First of all there is a unique individual called "Sir Waker-Upper". You will be rudely awakened by this person in the "wee sma hours" of the dawn with the suggestion that you start the day by plunging into the cold, uninviting water for a "morning dip". If you undergo and survive this torcherous ordeal I'm told you become a true camper! Unfortunately I don't qualify! May I suggest and strongly recommend, that your next acquaintance should be the cook. Make her your friend. In time of hunger she's a wonderful person to know!

Yes there are all sorts of interesting and wonderful people you'll meet at camp. Some of them will become life-long friends, some of them will be people you'll always remember and most of them will be people you would be glad to meet again.

But there are other things besides people that make camp interesting. You'll learn handicrafts, and exchange all sorts of wonderful ideas that can be used next year in your C.G.I.T. group. Camp is a time of fun, laughter and fellowship.

There is also a different kind of fun at camp.

That's the fun of discovering things. At camp we have a marvelous opportunity for nature study, learning to name the different types of trees, being able to distinguish a certain species of bird by its song, and learning to identify a wild animal by his tracks. Yes, at camp we even attempt to "discover the Bible in our studies. Bible study can be fun! And you will probably be surprised to find, as I was, that the discussions and Bible study are the most interesting and enjoyable part of camp!

To Canadian Girls In Training camp is 10 days of living their purpose to the utmost. For at camp we can truly cherish health, seek truth, know God, serve others. By activities such as swimming, boating and hiking, we are building strong bodies and by our studies we are building sound minds.

But there is something else about camp; something that is hard to explain. It's a feeling that fills you with the wonder of God and makes you glad to be alive. It might come when you are paddling your canoe over the silent and still lake, or during a sing song around the campfire, or perhaps while watching the sunset after evening vespers. For the first time you realize that God is very close and you need only to reach out and He will be there. It is an experience of knowing God.

Each new day at camp adds to our storehouse of memories and makes us more profitable Christians. For camp is a time when leaders and girls together get away from the regular routine of the world, to play, to study, and to worship in the presence of God.

A Time of
Fun
Laughter
and
Fellowship.

OUR OWN PRINCESS

By Mrs. W. N. FERGUSON

Chairman, National Presbyterian Children's Committee

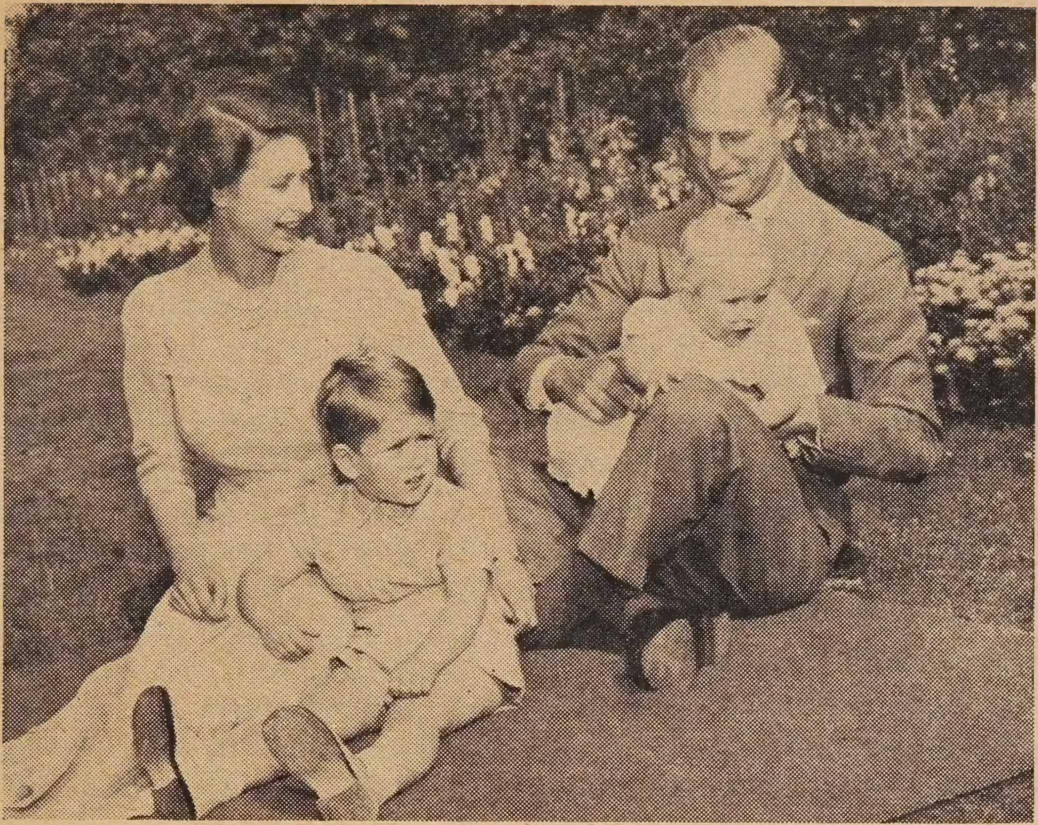
ONCE upon a time a little princess was born. This isn't just a fairy-tale though, for this little princess really lives, and on June the second, nineteen hundred and fifty-three she is to be crowned our Queen. We have all seen her lovely photos and perhaps some of you were even able to see her when she visited Canada with her husband.

Somehow, we feel that boys and girls are interested in what our Queen did when she was growing up, so to-day we have been reading the story of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, by Lady Peacock, and we are going to tell you some of the interesting things she tells about our Queen's childhood.

The little princess was born in London on the 21st of April, 1926. She was a happy, contended, blue-eyed baby with a mass of golden curls.

When she was five weeks old she was baptized, with water from the River Jordan—a custom that has been followed since the time of the Crusades, and was given the name Elizabeth, Alexandra, Mary, after her mother, great-grandmother, and her grandmother. The one name we know her by is "Elizabeth". However, as a child she called herself 'Lilibet' and is still called that in the family circle.

When Elizabeth was about a year old her parents moved into 145 Piccadilly. The nursery was on the top floor where there was a circular stair landing. This made a fine running track for the little princess, and just like other little girls and boys, she used to love to stand there and look down the staircase at all the important visitors arriving in the hall below. Elizabeth's parents wanted her brought up as an ordinary, healthy



"Our own Princess" is now Queen. We see her with her family the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, and Princess Anne.

child, and we see pictures of her, making sand-pies with her sister in her grandmother's garden, or playing with the dogs, Blackie and Brownie.

When she was four Elizabeth spent much time with her grandfather, who had been ill, and because in her little mind she knew that England meant a great deal to him, she nick-named him "Grandpapa England". About the same time she discovered that when she came to visit her grand-parents at Buckingham Palace, and passed the sentry-box, the guard 'presented arms'. This thrilled the wee girl and she made excuses to pass and re-pass the sentry, and each time to her joy he 'presented arms'.

However, the life of a princess does not consist of play. Like other children she had lessons to learn. It had been decided that as she would have many special subjects to take, she should be taught at home, and Miss Marion Crawford, later to be caller "Crawfie" was chosen to teach her. While her lessons consisted of Latin, French, German, arithmetic, geometry, history, geography, and English literature, she also had time to swim and ride, take part in amateur plays, was a Brownie, had her own garden, took music lessons and was responsible for keeping clean the lovely playhouse that the Welsh people gave her, and she and her sister played 'animal grab', 'racing demon' and 'old maid' just the way Canadian children do.

Space here is too small to tell all the interesting things that the princess has done, but we would take you to South Africa where the Royal family were visiting when Elizabeth celebrated her twenty-first birthday, and there we will let you listen in to the broadcast she made that day.

The Princess started by saying how the motto 'I serve' had inspired many bygone heirs to the throne. She went on:

"I cannot do quite as they did, but through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial family to which we all belong.

"But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do; I know that your support will be unfailingly given.

"God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it."

A PRAYER OF ENGLAND'S CHILDREN

Land of our birth, we pledge to thee
Our love and toil in the years to be
When we are grown and take our place
As men and women with our race.

Father in Heaven Who lovest all,
O help Thy children when they call.
That they may build from age to age
An undefiled heritage.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth
With steadfastness and earnest truth
That in our time Thy grace may give
The truth whereby the nations live.

Teach us to rule ourselves always
Controlled and cleanly night and day
That we may bring if need arise
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.

—*Rudyard Kipling.*

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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New Westminster, Press Secretary

BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNODICAL At the thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Synodical, held in Nanaimo March 10th, 11th, 12th, Mrs. W. J. Murdock was reelected President. There was a good attendance of delegates and visitors, and the Treasurer reported that the allocation was over-subscribed. Miss Helen Horne and Mrs. W. R. Adamson of Council Executive were guests of the Synodical at all Sessions and gave addresses on Christian Stewardship and were most helpful and understanding. On Wednesday evening Miss Ellen Douglas told of her work as hospital visitor. The member enjoyed the fellowship with the ladies from all points of Vancouver Island.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAN met for the thirty-ninth annual meeting in the new St. Andrew's Church, **Kimberley,** when Mrs. Downie was elected President. Delegates attended from Trail, Nelson, Creston and Cranbrook and heard gratifying reports. Highlights of the meeting were addresses given by the Synodical President, Mrs. W. J. Murdock and Miss Dorothy Douglas who spoke of her work in Formosa. Another visitor was Regional Secretary, Miss Grace MacKay

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL The spring Thank-offering meeting of Mount Pleasant Senior Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** was held recently when a very interesting address was given by Mr. W. A. McFarlane, an elder of Fairview Presbyterian Church, who has been supplying one of our fields in the Fraser Valley during the past months. His address was on South Africa. As he had lived there for many years and only returned last summer from a visit to his old home he was able to give first hand information about the political situation and about the Churches. The President, Mrs. E. P. Fox, presided.

In January of this year this auxiliary suffered the loss of a faithful member in the person of Mrs. Croll, who for many years was our "Glad Tidings" secretary and pianist. Mrs. Croll was a Life Member of the W. M. S.

Mrs. R. H. Blackstock of Gordon Presbyterian Church, **Edmonds,** reported at a recent auxiliary meeting that the Senior Auxiliary led the Synodical in the number of Home Helpers and Glad Tidings subscriptions in 1952. At this meeting Margaret Moodie and Nareen Duncan told their stories of Africa, competing in the C.G.I.T. Story-telling Contest.

ALBERTA

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Medicine Hat, Alta,
Press Secretary

EDMONTON Presbyterial — Mrs. J. Kelman, President, Edmonton Presbyterial, presided at the monthly executive meeting. It was reported that Westmount Church now has a Mission Band and First Church a C.G.I.T. group. Mrs. C. Oscroft and Mrs. A. A. Walker gave excellent reports of the Synodical meetings. Mrs. H. Delamater, our Presbyterial Treasurer, has been appointed **Edmonton** delegate to the Council Meetings in May, 1953.

CARSTAIRS W.M.S. meeting was well attended and many brought friends. Mrs. P. Weber gave an interesting report of the W.M.S. Synodical meeting held in Calgary. A few chapters were read of South Africa. Members brought cuttings for the scrap book being kept on South Africa.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

The largest attendance in many years at an Easter Thankoffering meeting in Knox Church, **Weyburn,** heard Mrs. John Shaw, president of Regina Presbyterial speak on "The Easter Story" Wednesday evening, April 1st.

Mrs. Shaw expressed her pleasure in being asked to speak at the first missionary thankoffering meeting of the Women's Federation, particularly so since she had spoken to the women of the congregation during the time when plans were being formulated for the organization.

Miss Hilda Blackwell, who was home on vacation from her work as Port Deaconess at Montreal and Quebec, was also called upon for a short talk. Miss Blackwell spoke in a general way of her work and said that the Port Worker tried to carry out the conditions of a servant of the Lord as set forth in Matt. 25:35, 36.

Mrs. Sherrick, missionary convener, had charge of the devotional period, and read from the Easter story as recorded in the 28th chapter of Matthew.

Mrs. Metheral, president of the Federation, presided and expressed her gratification in the success of the meeting.

In observance of Christian Youth Week, the Girl's Explorers of **Rosetown** Presbyterian Church attended the evening service on February 1st as a group — several of the members taking part. Ruth Stout led the girls in their Motto, Purpose and Prayer; Catherine Alexander and Edna Smith reading from the Scriptures; Carol Clarke, Irene Calvert, Sharon Wiseman and Gwen Funston singing as a special number the Explorer's hymn "This is my Father's World". Rev. George Dobie, Superintendent of Missions for Saskatchewan, was the guest speaker.

An Easter Service of worship by Margaret McNaughton, B.A., published in the March Glad Tidings, was used when the Edna Bell Auxiliary held their April thankoffering meeting in the church parlors. The Theme was: Christ is Aliveé The part of the Leader was taken by Mrs. J. W. Vickers and the part of the Narrator was taken by Miss Jean Williamson. Others taking part were Miss Margaret Paterson, Miss Jean Law, and Mrs. Boulter. Mrs. Stewart Adrian was the guest speaker and gave a report on the Synodical meetings held recently in Prince Albert.

MANITOBA

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FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SECRETARY

THE 39th Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical Society. With delegates in attendance from **Superior, Winnipeg,** and **Brandon** Presbyterials the 39th annual meeting of the Manitoba Synodical Society, the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church opened in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William.

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" was the theme chosen for the meetings. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Synodical president, presided.

Special guests for the sessions are Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Senior Auxiliary Secretary, Miss Helen M. Horne, Corresponding Secretary, Council Executive, and Miss Dorothy Douglas, missionary on furlough from Formosa.

"Make your Christianity Felt" was the theme of Mrs. Adamson's speech.

She said "Go ye into all the World" held as true to-day as ever. Speaking on stewardship, Mrs. Adamson pointed out that to give "the best to the Church" it was necessary to increase knowledge, to study international problems and to take an interest in social problems. Rev. A. H. Johnston welcomed the delegates.

In her welcome to the delegates Mrs. Nairn, president, voiced her thanks to the board and all the W.M.S. members for their help and co-operation. It had been a "good year" she averred. Greetings were brought to the meeting by Mrs. J. G. McBarney, from **Brandon** Presbyterial; Mrs. Davidson, **Winnipeg** Presbyterial; and Mrs. G. R. Stirrett, **Superior** Presbyterial. Miss Dorothy Douglas showed films on mission work in Formosa.

Miss Helen M. Horne told the delegates that each church member should be a missionary for her church. She defined a missionary as a "person with a vision and a task."

Mrs. D. H. Ross, in presenting the financial statement, noted with satisfaction that the allocation had been over subscribed.

Miss Margaret McNaughton, regional secretary, spoke to the delegates and noted with satisfaction the formation of new groups and led in a discussion on best methods of encouraging interest of young people in the church. A conference led by Miss M. McNaughton and Mrs. W. R. Adamson, followed a banquet after which the delegates attended in a body the Lenten service in the Church.

Mrs. D. H. Ross of Winnipeg was elected president of the Manitoba Synodical Society. She succeeded Mrs. W. S. Nairn of Fort William. The new officers were installed by Mrs. W. R. Adamson.

WINNIPEG Presbyterial — The Evening Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church took the Church Services on Sunday, February 22nd. Miss M. Dunwoody, president of the Evening Auxiliary, conducted both services. The speaker at the morning service was Mrs. A. H. McKay.

Under the auspices of the Winnipeg Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society, a series of meetings was held to hear Miss Dorothy Douglas, returned missionary from Formosa. Miss Douglas was guest speaker in Calvin Church at an evening service; at a Fireside Hour in Norwood Church; at St. Johns Church at a gathering of young women and evening groups; in St. James Church at an Auxiliary meeting. Miss Douglas also addressed a meeting at a Chapel Service at United College for Students; also a service for Christian Fellowship Groups. Mrs. Douglas Ross was hostess for Miss Douglas at an afternoon tea for members of Presbyterial and Synodical.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, FRONT ST.,
CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

CHATHAM Presbyterial — **Amherstburg** W.M.S. celebrated a 36th anniversary occasion at the home of Mrs. R. Lalonge. One of the original members, Miss Margaret Hackett gave some interesting items from the early history of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Three members reported on a pageant and address by Miss Bessie MacMurchy at a recent Windsor meeting..

Rev. Scarth Macdonald of Windsor was guest speaker for the W.M.S. Thank-offering which was a Sunday evening service and the ladies invited all the men of the Church to join them in this special service.

Knox Auxiliary **Leamington** report two **Care** parcels sent to the Jobat Mission in India during March.

Dresden ladies enjoyed Miss Ruth Stewart, Deaconess of First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, as their Easter Thank-offering speaker.

Knox Presbyterian **Turin** heard

Mrs. D. B. Cram at their Easter meting held at the home of Mrs. John McArthur. Mrs. Cram's theme was, "Intending after Easter."

In **Windsor** the Alexander Bartlet W.M.S. ladies have been taking magazines to the hospitals and to The Homestead, and 40 home and hospital calls were made. Also 4 members sewed at Grace Hospital, finishing up 34 hospital articles. The Senior W.M.S. had a nice letter from Mis Isabel McConnell, of India, thanking them for a **Care** parcel she had received from them.

HAMILTON Presbyterial — **Alberton** Mission Band enjoyed a Missionary Film as they entertained the Mission Band Mothers and happily served them refreshments later.

In **Ancaster** the W.M.S. of St. Andrews honored Mrs. Alex. Beach at a recent meeting.

West Flamboro Boy Explorers presented a variety program and movies as they entertained at an open night.

A Young Women's Auxiliary was formed in February in St. John Church, **Hamilton,** by Mrs. N. D. MacDonald. They now have a complete missionary family. Mrs. D. M. Allan, President Hamilton Presbyterial, installed the officers March 17th, welcoming this new Auxiliary who have chosen as their name, "The Alice MacDonald Y.W.A." In the slate of officers we note a Glad Tidings Sec'y., a Home Helpers Sec'y., a Press Sec'y. and Envelope Treasurer. This gives promise of a very active group and we wish them an ever-increasing missionary zeal.

Miss Ruby Walker visited many Presbyterial auxiliaries also addressed several Easter Thank-offering meetings. Other special Thank-offering speakers were Mrs. Frank Gallo, a missionary from Bolivia, at the M.A. Johnson Evening Aux. of Calvin, **Hamilton;** Mrs. W. S. Bany of India, at the Mary M. Grant Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrews and Knox Sr., **Hamilton;** Mrs. Drummond Oswald, **Waterdown,** at the Margaret Allan Evening auxiliary., St. Enoch's, **Hamilton;** and the Rev. Stanley Self, at Knox Sr. Auxiliary **Burlington.**

In **Grimsby,** St. John's Presbyterian Church was the centre for the World's Day of Prayer service this year. It was largely attended and a generous offering received. Leaders from the two Anglican Churches, also the Baptist, the United Church and the Greek Orthdox, assisted in the programme.

The inter-church fellowship made this a very fine gathering and the many friends felt this was the best World's Day of Prayer Service Grimsby ever had.

LONDON Presbyterial — Over 20 members of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary, New St. James, **London** gathered at the McCormick Home for the Aged on March 23rd to present a concert which Miss Leah Thomas had planned, and about a hundred greatly enjoyed. A rousing sing song was followed by solo numbers, humorous monologues, etc., and at the close of a happy evening the Evening Auxiliary served candy and large shining apples to all the old people.

As an Easter project the **Explorers Group,** New St. James, made baskets and filled them with home-made candy, delivering these to Mrs. Wm. Weir, Hospital Visitor, for her Easter week sick visits.

On March 24th the C.G.I.T. was affiliated with the W.M.S. in a beautiful candlelight service. The guests included members of the afternoon auxiliary, Goforth Evening Auxiliary, and the mothers of the girls. Mrs. A. R. Leigh, Girls' Organization Secretary for London Presbyterial, assisted in the impressive service and eighteen girls with their assistant leader, Miss Myra Harris, made their pledge of allegiance and later received from

Mrs. J. M. Hunt, President of the Afternoon Auxiliary, affiliation badges. Miss Alice Robertson, missionary on furlough from the Sudan United Mission in French Equatorial Africa, showed colored slides of the locale of her work, and gave an interesting commentary. Mrs. J. K. West, President of London Presbyterial, was guest speaker at the Easter meeting of Gilmour Evening Auxiliary, **Elmwood Ave.** Church, **London** and chose for her meditation the words, "And sitting down they watched Him there." Mrs. West pointed out that the present day Christians are likewise indifferent and still watch the Saviour crucified. Rev. John Fleck and Miss Isabel McLeish took part in a presentation honoring Dr. Annabel McEwan.

Chalmers Auxiliary, as guests of Hamilton Rd. W.M.S., for their Easter Thank-offering, conducted the evening meeting and had Mrs. D. J. Firth as the guest speaker, her subject being "Feed my lambs."

MAITLAND Presbyterial — **Bluevale** W.M.S. invited **Belmore** and **Gorrie** to their April meeting in charge of the Home Helpers. Miss Collar, a missionary on furlough from Central Africa, spoke on some of the hardships also the pleasures of mission work amongst the natives there, and her talk was most interesting.

In **Wingham** an Easter Thank-offering meeting was a highlight. This meeting was well attended and the guest speaker, Mrs. John Thompson, of Trinidad (formerly Miss Tena Reid of Wingham) told all her old friends of conditions in Trinidad. Mrs. Thompson spoke of a custom there which she thought very fine: the holding of a Thanksgiving Prayer meeting of Christian and non-Christian folk for the safe return from a journey, for a birth, or a recovery from sickness.

Ripley Afternoon Auxiliary entertained the Evening Auxiliary at their Thank-offering and the topic was in the form of a public speaking contest by three of the C.G.I.T. girls, with the Senior Members acting as judges. The topics chosen were, "David Livingston," "Albert Schwietzer" and "Mary and the Black Warriors" and all were interesting and well given.

NIAGARA Presbyterial — The Senior W.M.S. and Agnes Wallis Alpha Group have a nice arrangement for joint missionary Thank-offering meetings of the various Missionary Societies in Drummond Hill Church, **Niagara Falls.** The Agnes Wallis group make all arrangements for the Spring Thank-offering and social hour and the Senior Auxiliary make all plans for the fall Thank-offering. The recent Thank-offering was largely attended and guests from the **Chippawa** Auxiliary and Bessie MacMurchy Auxiliary, the **Stamford** and **St. Davids** Auxiliary enjoyed the evening and the friendly fellowship. A film on South Africa was especially good.

St. Catherines Myosa Young Women's Department sponsored a District Young Women's Auxiliary rally and had guests present from Chippawa, Merritton, North Pelham, Port Colborne, St. Davids and Thorold. Miss Marjorie Mackay Deaconess now working in Peace River Presbytery, and Miss Grace Irvine, National Youth Secretary, conducted a discussion on meeting planning, etc., after which Miss Mackay told of the work in the Peace River area.

Knox W.M.S., **St. Catherines,** lost a very faithful aged W.M.S. member, April 1st, in the sudden passing of Mrs. J. G. Brown in her 86th year. For the past 16 years Mrs. Brown was Welcome and Welfare convenor and very active as she gave of her time writing many kindly letters of welcome to newcomers and visiting within church homes. She was never forgetful of a little remembrance for shut-ins and her gracious Christian spirit endeared her to all.

The Ruth Buchanan Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, **Welland,** held its annual April Thank-offering service Sunday afternoon, April 12th. A large attendance of mothers and interested friends came to this service. There was a moment's silence in memory of Mrs. Charles Cole, a former Mission Band leader. Members presented mite boxes and Miss Marie Butcher, Junior leader, was honored for her faithfulness and assistance.

PARIS Presbyterial — **Ingersoll** held a Presbyterial Family Night March 16th, and Brantford ladies chartered a bus, and other visiting friends came from Paris, as well as the three Ingersoll Churches. Members of the Mission Band and W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church presented a pageant, "A Light on the Path", the characters appearing in colorful native dress. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, R. N. missionary on furlough from India, whose work was illustrated in the pageant, gave descriptive remarks about the costumes used. Miss Grace Irvine, as Youth Work Secretary, and Miss MacMurchy then led discussion groups on programs for all ages.

SARNIA Presbyterial — The speaker, Mrs. A. L. Preston, of the Manse, chose as her theme, "Easter" and the Service given in the Easter Glad Tidings was followed by Knox Auxiliary **Warwick** when 35 members attended their spring Thank-offering meeting.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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LINDSAY Presbyterial — Friends of the Presbytery of Lindsay joined with the Congregations of **Beaverton,** and **Gambridge,** at the induction of their minister, Rev. Murdo McInnes. This was a most impressive service under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Cathcart of Bobcaygeon. All join in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. McInnes to our midst and pray their stay may be long and prosperous in the Master's service.

ORANGEVILLE Presbyterial—Mrs. Wm. Atchison presided at the Easter Thank-offering of Erskine Auxiliary at **Dundalk** when the members took charge of the Sunday evening service. Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss Joan Rochemont from the Deaconess Training School were the speakers.

Senior auxiliaries are sponsoring an oratorical contest of a missionary for teen-age girls. These are to be judged, and the winner from each charge will give her talk at the girls' fall rally at the Presbyterial.

TORONTO EAST — Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. Nurse on furlough from India, conducted a very educational and interesting pageant at Riverdale Church, where her collection of colorful Hindu and Mohammeden costumes were modelled by members of the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary and affiliated groups. A discussion regarding making W.M.S. meetings of added variety followed, led by Miss MacMurchy. The proceeds of this function were given for India relief for which the need is very great this year on account of the near drought.

Rev. J. Alan Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., associate secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, addressed the members of Toronto East Presbyterian Executive, regarding the necessity of raising funds to provide a suitable building to replace the present Yorkville Home for Girls.

The dates for the Toronto East Presbyterial sectional meetings for the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada are as follows:

Section 1.—Aurora—May 3rd in the afternoon.

Section 2.—Stouffville — May 12 — morning — afternoon.

Section 3.—Oshawa — May 28th — afternoon.

The Executive decided to provide funds to finance holiday at Glen Mohr Camp for one girl.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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KNOX Crescent and Kensington Auxiliary, **Montreal,** was hostess to the Annual Synodical Meeting, which opened in the Church on Tuesday evening, April 14th with the President, Mrs. W. E. Baker presiding. Devotions were conducted by the Minister, Rev. C. J. MacKay, D.D. Greetings from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa were brought by the Moderator, Rev. J. Logan-Vencta, of Ottawa, who told the members of the W.M.S. that they were the custodians of a great heritage and urged all to become missionary minded in our homes, to guarantee the survival of Christian Witness.

Miss Dorothy Coles, President of Montreal Presbyterial, and Mrs. W. A. Henry, President of Knox Crescent and Kensington Auxiliary welcomed the delegates.

The guest speaker was Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Missions Executive secretary, who was a delegate to the International Missionary Conference at Willingen, Germany, where representatives of fifty countries met to discuss their problems. Miss Pelton gave her impressions of the conference and said that we may have to learn to change our way of working and thinking, and give priority to the things which need doing urgently, and urged all to work to get the women of the church committed to the mission of the Church.

Annual reports of Secretaries and departmental secretaries were given on Wednesday, showing encouraging and discouraging factors of our work. The Treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded. Conferences on departmental work, discussions and a Question Box under the direction of the representatives of Council Executive, Mrs. Pye and Miss Pelton was helpful. Plans were made to try to secure enough interested persons to hold a leadership Training Camp at Lancaster, in August, with Mrs. W. Fitzsimmons as Convener.

Wednesday Evening Rev. Roland T. Moores, Moderator of Montreal Presbytery brought gretings and conducted devotions. Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer of Council addressed the meeting, stressing the need to build strong reserves for our Society, starting with the children who will be the reserves of tomorrow.

An invitation to hold the 1954 meeting in St. John's Church Cornwall, was accepted.

Miss Mae Johnston presented the report of the nominating committee, and Mrs. Pye installed the new slate of officers, charging them to "Commit thy way unto the Lord and He will sustain thee."

GLENGARRY Presbyterial — During the latter part of March and early April, Sectional meetings were held throughout Glengarry Presbyterial, when Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconness in the Peace River Presbytery was guest speaker. Miss MacKay gave her audiences a very clear account of the pioneer work of the Church in the Peace River district and of her work in connection with the Vacation Bible Schools of that district and on the Alaska Highway.

While on her visit in Cornwall, Miss MacKay was interviewed over the local radio station, and a great many people who were unable to be present at any of the meetings had the privilege of hearing her answer a number of questions in connection with her work.

At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Elmo Auxiliary of the W.M.S., the worship service outlined in the March Glad Tidings was followed. Also featured on the programme was a story-telling contest in which four of the teen-age girls competed. Helen Renfrew told the story of "Aggrey of Africa"; Mary Sinclair — "Mary Slessor"; and Kathleen Mackae — "Apolo in Pygmy Land"; Ruth Cameron — "Albert Schweitzer". Dr. McLean Bell acted as judge.

MONTREAL Presbyterial — **Beauharnois,** Que. The Joint Easter Thank-offering service of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. was held in the church Tuesday evening, April 21st, 1953, at 8 p.m. The president, Mrs. G. Graham presided. During the service an honorary life membership certificate was presented by our Honorary President, Mrs. J. W. Kilgour to one of our youngest and most active members,—Mrs. W. E. Kilgour. Friends from Trinity Church, **Beauharnois, Howick, Huntingdon** and **Montreal,** were welcomed by the President. Rev. Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, of the Theological College, Montreal, brought us an Easter message of Hope, Power and Life, all blessed gifts of our Risen Lord.

QUEBEC Presbyterial — The C.G.I.T. of the French Presbyterian Church, **Melbourne,** Que. held a "Festival d'Afrique" on March 20th. Many interested friends attended, and enjoyed the full programme. They were welcomed with a real African greeting. The C.G.I.T. members and some outsiders took part in hunting games, such as "Treasure" (animal crackers), "Lion hunt", and "Cat after the Rat".

A typical African home scene was then portrayed by the girls. This was followed by a devotional period, hymns being sung in French and English. Mrs. Jacques Smith very efficiently conducted the evening's entertainment.

The W.M.S. of St. Andrew's, **Melbourne,** had Mrs. Moret as their guest speaker at a regular meeting. Mrs. Moret spoke on the work of the Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, **Sherbrooke,** was a galaxy of color, decorated in St. Patrick's theme, as the Young Women's Associate Auxiliary presented their Annual Musical Review.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's, **Sherbrooke,** celebrated its second anniversary, at their regular meeting.

The devotional and offeratory periods were in charge of the officers and members. Mrs. J. Stevenson presented the story from the study-book in an interesting way.

CORRECTION IN NATIONAL NEWS NOTES

Last month, we reported that Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss Ruth Lor would be working during the summer in Saskatoon Presbytery.

Miss Gollan, who graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School this spring, and Miss Lor of Brockville, a second year student at the University of Toronto will be working together in Prince Albert Presbytery.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

April 30th, 1953

Receipts:

Refund from Candidate on Expenses	$ 60.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	6,280.00
Isabel Taylor Guild, Medicine Hat, "Support of Girl"	60.00
Wo-shi-lo Group, Grace Church, Calgary,	
"Mrs. Gehman's Work, India"	10.00
"Clinic Work, Bhil Field, India"	10.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	10.00
Famine Relief in India	50.00
Canadian National European Flood Relief	51.00
Refund on Taiwan Expenditures	724.01
Windsor Sunday School, "Support of Duncan, Bhil Field, India"	25.00
Annuity rate received from worker	17.59
Synodical Givings:	
Alberta	677.75
Alberta, Supplies	107.00
Saskatchewan	189.80
Manitoba	605.00
Manitoba, Supplies	143.00
Toronto and Kingston	3,400.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	39.25
Hamilton and London	5,838.90
Hamilton and London, Supplies	199.50
Montreal and Ottawa	3,225.00
	$21,722.80

Disbursements:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$ 1,244.99
Hospital Visitors	923.42
Deaconesses	532.39
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	434.77
Port Work	193.91
Van Expenses	500.80
New Missionaries	108.85
Student Deaconess	80.50
Contingency	40.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	443.25
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	191.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,222.35
Birtle, Government Grant	3,980.03
Overseas Missions:	
India, Bhil Field	533.33
British Guiana	266.66
Training of Nationals	236.90
New Missionaries	216.71
Missionaries' Expenses	50.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	549.23

Publications	958.00
Organization	2,538.33
Administration	926.51
Canadian National European Flood Relief	175.05
Supplies	1,118.33
Candidates, Ewart Trust Fund	19.50
Amount paid from missionaries' salaries as requested	779.87
Council Expenses	512.30
Payment to Long Service Annuity (taken from 1952 Balance)	1,000.00
Hospitalization for workers	18.45
	$22,796.09

TRUST FUNDS

Receipts:

Pension Fund	
Interest	$ 9.50
Transferred from 1952 Balance, Long Service Annuity payment for Miss Bessie MacMurchy	1,000.00
Special Fund	
Interest	75.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	66.50
Legacy Fund	
Estate of Mrs. Plascott, Fort Coulonge	100.00
Estate of Miss Sarah M. Robert, through Knox Crescent Kensington Auxiliary, Montreal, "Work in the Province of Quebec"	10,477.31
Estate of Miss C. Davidson, through Knox Crescent Kensington Auxiliary, Montreal	500.00
Estate of Miss Mary Findlay, through St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Auxiliary, Port Hope	100.00
Payment on Windermere House	35.00
Transferred from Special Fund, amount of loan to Roberts Creek Camp	5,500.00
Final payment on sale of Buena Vista Camp	636.00
Interest	196.50
Special Fund	
Payment of loan from Literature Department	1,000.00
	$19,695.81

Disbursements:

Pension Fund	
Payment on Annuities	$ 2,623.48
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Royal Conservatory of Music, Miss Margaret Lim	79.11
Special Fund	
Paid Legacy Fund the amount of loan to Roberts Creek Camp	5,500.00
	$ 8,202.59

Ruth E. Pye

TREASURER.

GLAD TIDINGS

Aids The Outreach Of Our Church And Society

HOW?

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EDITORIAL

WHEN Ellen Douglas, at the last session of Council stated that those who had the will to work would surely succeed, she was setting forth a challenge to the Society: to the individual members—to the organizations within the Society.

Now we take up that challenge—as individuals within the framework of a Society dedicated to a set purpose. As we do so we need to pause a moment to set our sights, then plan our action.

The Organization Department of the Society and the Board of Christion Education has provided machinery for each one of us to do a little more than usual to carry out our high calling. The Presbyterian Training Institues will give us a great opportunity to prove our "will to work". The plan of action of the Institutes has been described elsewhere—in this magazine in the Presbyterian Record and in special communications to Presbyterial executives. But the plan will mean little to us unless in our own minds we know what it is all about and desire that the best may come from it. For you must realize that the underlying purpose of the Training Team is not to provide a big show of activity all across our country. It is not to publicize our Church in Canada even though its success will do that—it is designed to give to you—whatever office you may hold in the W.M.S. — in the Church School, in Youth Group work, in Young People Societies, an opportunity to know more about our Church and its outreach; an opportunity to learn how to pass that knowledge on to others; an opportunity to learn techniques of Sunday School teaching and Church group work; an opportunity to learn to make the Christian Church a vital part of our lives. And if you are not one whose office calls you to attend the Institutes, there is still the task of supporting those who do go. They will come back to their Auxiliaries anxious to follow through on suggestions received. Your interest and support will be most vital then.

The Presbyterian Training Institutes may challenge the sincerety of a great many of us. We can hardly refuse to take our part in its programme and still claim to want to do our best for our Church and Society. Our part may be our support in interest and prayer or it may be participation as a leader. It may be as a member of the planning Committee or it may be to provide transportation. Whatever it is it will be important for there will be a job for everyone.

We will be tested in a deeper sense too — for as men and women work together for a common cause there will be much need of personal sacrifice—Here is where our Christian Conviction will bear us along. If this task, we have set ourselves, is worthwhile we will be carried above worldly pettiness to achieve working together, a sacrifice worthy to be presented to our Lord and Master.

The Presbyterian Training Institutes will be a symbol of our "will to work". If they are successful, the same spirit which made them helpful and inspiring will carry into all our work. If they are successful we will have realized that as members of a Reformed Church there is a great obligation upon all of us regardless of our station in life to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Prayer

OUR gracious God and Heavenly Father, we bow before Thee, in humility, asking Thee to accept the grateful outpouring of our hearts for Thy manifold blessings bestowed upon us. We thank Thee for the rest and refreshment of change of place and of employment that have been enjoyed during the holiday time and now as we once more take up our duties for the fall season may there be in us a quickening of all our being, more alert minds, more understanding hearts and deeper consecration of life.

Bless, we pray Thee, our gracious Queen Elizabeth, strengthen and uphold her; may she, by Thy divine grace and wisdom, be enabled to fulfil her high destiny. Endue with righteousness and wisdom all who direct the affairs of nations. Give us leaders, strong, wise and fearless to follow where Thou dost lead into the ways of peace.

We pray for Thy church throughout the world that all her branches may be one in Thy spirit, that peoples of all races, colors and creeds may acknowledge and worship Thee as the Father of all. Be with Thy church in the endeavor to help win the world for Christ. Give wisdom and to those who go with Thy message to the dark places of the earth. May their lives and service be acceptable in Thy sight.

We crave Thy blessing on the women of Thy church, guiding us in all our undertakings, in our local congregations throughout our land and into lands beyond the seas.

We pray specially for our young people and for the plans made to provide training in leadership for the young people of our church. Grant that among them there will be those who will offer their lives in Thy service.

Bless all the branches of our work and may each individual member of our Society realize the honor of being accepted for service and the responsibility for her share in the accomplishment of the task.

Hear us O Lord and in Thy love and mercy forgive us our sins and grant our petitions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREETINGS from the PRESIDENT

—Featherstone-Cowley

Dear Fellow Members:

As the new president of the Women's Missionary Society I wish to bring you greetings. We belong to a wonderful Society and Church and as members of the Society I trust that during the coming year we will co-operate with other women of our church so that we all may be interested in the great mission of our Church: The World for Christ.

We are not an exclusive Society but one that is endeavouring to study the work and need for our Church both at home and overseas.

For that reason, what must we do? *First,* we must find knowledge by daily reading of our Bible. *Second,* by reading our Glad Tidings and Record, thus increasing our knowledge of the Women's Missionary Society and churches' activities. *Third,* try and interest others. Be witnesses, remember Christ's message to us — Ye are my witnesses and we cannot witness without information. God has been very good to us during the past years and He is still giving us opportunities to work for Him. The pioneer women of our Church by their prayers and sacrifices heard Him call and answered by sending sons to the ministry and sons and daughters to countries where doors were not wide open. — Today the call comes again but from the people in these countries whose doors were closed. Their doors are wide open and they are calling: "Come over and help us." Are we as Church members, going to close our eyes and ears to their appeal?

Will you not, by your prayers and witness during the coming year, try and gather more people into the mission work of our Church?

Ethel May Adamson

—Palmer

MISS LILLIAN REAY

Designated as Deaconess

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Valley Centre, was the scene of a special service Tuesday evening when Miss Lillian Reay, of that district, was designated as a deaconess of the Presbyterian Church in Canada by members of the Red Deer Presbytery.

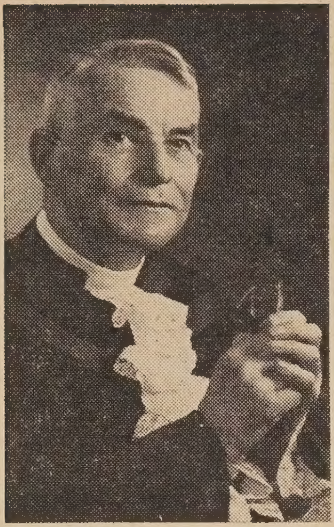
The service was conducted by the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. A. L. Sutherland, of Rocky Mountain House, who also presented the questions. The address to the deaconess-designate was given by Rev. W. R. Bell, Red Deer. A telegram from Toronto, conveying the good wishes and expectations of the General Council of the Women's Missionary Society, was read, and on behalf of the W.M.S. (Western Division), Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, synodical president, presented Miss Reay with a Bible and deaconess pin.

At a reception which followed, arranged by the Ladies' Aid of the Valley Centre Church, a purse of money was presented to the new deaconess by the Rev. W. R. Bell, Red Deer, on behalf of the Red Deer Presbyterial of the W.M.S.

Miss Reay, the daughter of the late Mr. H. Reay, and Mrs. Reay, was born and attended school in Red Deer and district. Following some time spent as postal clerk at the local post office, she entered the Presbyterian Deaconess Training School at Toronto, from which she graduated in April. She will leave some time this week to take up work for the Presbyterian Church in the Peace River district.

If any little word of ours can make
one life the brighter;
If any little song of ours can make
one heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word,
and take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale,
and set the echoes ringing.

George MacDonald.



MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

THE Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) wish to express their congratulations and their best wishes to the newly elected Moderator of The General Assembly.

Dr. W. A. Cameron is no stranger to our Society. In the past number of years he has been Secretary of the General Board of Missions — first of both Home and Foreign divisions — then as the work expanded he assumed the work of the Overseas field.

Prior to coming to Toronto, Dr. Cameron had much experience in Missions in Western Canada — first on mission fields then as Western Synodical missionary.

Dr. Cameron's election to the highest office in our Church is a most popular one. He has won the admiration and affection of many people in this land and beyond the seas. When he returned from his visits to Japan and Formosa last year, two things were most evident to those who heard him tell of his journeying: first, that he was a welcome visitor in those lands and second — that he had a real affection for the people whom he met and he wanted us to share that affection and sense of fellowship. Dr. Cameron has spent many years seeking to share with his fellow men a great Christian faith. We wish God's blessing on his Moderatorial year.

Miss Ellen Douglas reviews the historical and scientific as well as the spiritual reasons for the Church's concern in the care of the sick.

WHY HAVE A HOSPITAL VISITOR?

THIS is an age of specialists. In every field, but perhaps more noticeably so in the field of medicine, there are specialists. Most of us know that if we feel ill, we are passed from one specialist to another until our trouble is diagnosed.. Possibly we may be sent to hospital where we fall into the hands of many more specialists. not only do our special doctors, prescribe for us, but X-ray specialists take numerous pictures; therapists give us treatments; the social worker attends to any family or financial needs; the librarian supplies us with good books and of course different nurses question us as to how much liquid we have consumed etc. Among all these specialists who seem to attend to every possible need of the patient, is there a place in the hospital for the representative of the Church? The Roman Catholic church believes that there is, and so there is either a resident or visiting priest in almost every hospital. In our military hospitals and many of the large hospitals of the States there are resident chaplains. But why, when the work is so efficiently done by experts should the church send in someone to visit, one more person in the long procession of people the patient has to contend with in the day.

One reason is that the church has always been interested in the care of the sick. Long ago, when the first disciples endeavoured to carry out the commands of their Lord, it was natural that they should include His ministry to the sick. Until comparatively recent times, priest, doctor, and nurse were one person, and that person the priest. About 300 A.D. when Christians made pilgrimages to Jerusalem, the first hospitals were founded there. A hospital was a place for Christian hospitality first of all, and now and then a place for caring for sick people. After a long, hard journey, pilgrims came to Jerusalem weary, worn and needing care, and the hostels took them in. Later on, hostels and hospitals were established along the routes travelled by the crusaders, and a part was set aside for the care of the sick. These sections were called 'infirmaries'. Quite independent of the pilgrimages, the monasteries cared for the sick and the poor, and it is only within the last century that nursing as a separate profession has developed. Until very recently the church alone has carried modern medicine to the so called foreign fields, establishing hospitals and training native doctors and nurses. Now, however, we see that changes are rapidly taking place. Since city and private hospitals have been built, the church has given up most of its responsibility for the physical care of the sick. In the eastern countries as well, modern hospitals that are well equipped and capably staffed are coming into prominence. In view of this the question naturally arises, should the church entirely withdraw its interest from the hospitals? Or, should the hospital visitor become just another specialist, like the doctor or the social worker?

As representatives of the church we have our own distinct field of service, but the messenger of Christ is interested not only in one part, but in the patient as a whole man. We are interested in the physical and family needs of the patient, but also in his hopes, his fears and his sins, and this interest springs from the belief that he is a child of God. As we repeat so often, 'man cannot live by bread alone', and neither can the sick live alone by the most appropriate diet or medical or nursing care. The heart, lungs, liver and spleen and other organs are not independent machines, but are linked with a nervous system and conscious mind. It would be foolishness to give a patient good medicine but bad food, and yet in a long illness a man's heart or mind or soul may be starving because we fail to realize that he is not a one sided creature. Poisonous fears act on the mind and on the body, fear of the future, for the family, fear of death. Who but the servant of Christ with a love for human personalities that is inspired by love for and a deep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will give the time to try to understand and help. The Hospital Visitor goes to the sick room as the representative of Him who said, "For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me." This could be the description of any sick person in hospital. To be sick is to be a stranger among strange people, naked, stripped of strength of body and mind and soul, it is to be lonely and often afraid.

It would be a mistake to give the impression that the sick as a whole are conscious of any spiritual need. In fact, the majority seem to have very little knowledge of the church or religion. It usually comes as a delightful surprise to find a patient with a real faith, or one who has any connection with our Presbyterian church, or any church for that matter. To meet these is a privilege, and the worker is often greatly inspired by the courage and understanding that has been developed through patience in tribulation and trust in the Saviour. Then there are many who have never before thought deeply on spiritual things although they are nominal church members. Now they are conscious of a need for strength and courage from outside themselves, and they are looking to the church for guidance. These usually feel disappointed if their minister does not visit them, although because of their tendency to follow afar off, he may not be aware of their illness. These two groups of patients both want and appreciate all the help the church affords, and yet our efforts should not be confined to these alone as the others are more needy.

It has been said that most of the sick in hospital wards have no familiarity with the words or with the habits of religion. And yet, though the language of religion may mean nothing, little deeds of kindness a word fitly spoken, a friendly interest, particularly if shown over a period of time will often open the heart and prepare the ground for the seed of the Word. Many have voiced their admiration for a little Catholic priest who visits in one of the hospitals most faithfully. It is not the oft repeated jokes that have impressed, but rather the faithfulness shown in visiting each one, always with a kindly word. Sometimes the mere presence alone of one with a real and living faith in the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ will arouse within the patient the great certainties and faith of the Christian religion. And so it seems that where the language of Christ and His Church is not always understood, often our simple devotion to the opportunities for service that are to be found in the hospital may free people's souls for the message of Christ. Permanent food, and healing of body, mind as well as soul may come out of what seem like most unfortunate experiences. It is our privilege to try to help a sufferer rebuild his life; to help him find abundant and eternal life in Christ.

—J. Palmer

Miss Dorothy Douglas will be on the high seas when you are reading this. Before she left for Formosa she consented to give her impressions of Canada.

REDISCOVERING CANADA

Rediscovering Canada has been a very interesting experience. I have visited a great many churches during the last few months and I would like to pay tribute to the fine women who are giving so unstintedly of their time, their prayers, and their substance for the furtherance of the work of the Women's Missionary Society. But there are not enough of them.

This is a time when we should pause and take a very good look at ourselves, our Society, our Presbyterial and Synodicals and think of the future – twenty-five or thirty years from now. We should look at it in the light of the last command which Jesus gave to His disciples, when He called them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria and unto the outermost parts of the earth. The disciples spent all the rest of their lives obeying that command and I think we should ask ourselves if our way of obeying it is the way Jesus expects us to obey it – to meet the needs of our time.

All over the world are people living in darkness and fear whose hearts are hungry for the love which God has made available to us all. For this unrest has penetrated into non-Christian villages in most unlikely places and people are dissatisfied with the idols which they have worshipped for so many thousands of years. The needs of these people are not being adequately met.

Then, too, it seems to me that

we are neglecting our Jerusalem. Many times in the churches I have visited I have projected my mind into the future and I have not liked what I have seen. Our young people are not being brought into the church today so what of the church of tomorrow? We have not enough Explorer Groups either for boys or girls taking advantage of the excellent programmes which are prepared for them. For want of interested leaders there are too few C.G.I.T. groups. The same thing can be said of our Young People's Societies and as a result our young people are going to other churches where they are finding a church life which satisfies their needs. Everywhere we hear that groups have been disbanded because there are no leaders who are willing to give their time to that work. Then, when an attempt is made to provide Leadership Training excuses are made not to make use of it.

We are already seeing the result of the neglect of our own young people in the lack of interest in our missionary projects shown by the Young Women's Auxiliaries in a great many of our churches.

It is my opinion that a more specific interest and a closer relationship between the missionaries and the Auxiliaries or Young Peoples' groups might help to renew interest in the work of our church. Also there is not enough use being made of the audio-visual aids. Everyone will agree that we are definitely more interested in what we see than what we only read about so we should have more slides showing what is being done on our Mission Fields and what could be accomplished if the needs were being met. Let us suppose that every Presbyterial had a tape recorder and if every member of each Society would give ten cents a week for ten weeks one could easily be bought without interfering with allocation — Would you miss ten cents a week? The missionaries would have one too and a spare roll of tape. When something interesting would happen they would put it on the tape and eventually it would be sent to Canada.

Lastly and before going further, would you read the Parable of the Talents as recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew. We might specially notice two things —first that the one who received two talents and used them received the same words of praise as the one who received five talents — And in the second place the servant who didn't use his one talent was punished. How much we could find to do and how much we could accomplish if we used our efforts to develop our own talents for the purpose of not rivalling but augmenting those of our fellow members so that we would have an efficient and harmonious society consecrated to the work of extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

When Mrs. Pye gave a brief statement of receipts for 1952 in March Glad Tidings, she promised that further statements would be published. Here is a summary of Receipts and Disbursements, 1952.

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Disbursements on Estimates		207,971.34
		$ 18,493.72

An amount of $84.00 from Individual Subscriptions, over and above the $3,822.70 is being carried forward to 1953 as it was received too late to be disbursed in 1952.

SUPPLY FUND

Balance, 31st December, 1951		$1,298.39	
Synodical Givings:			
Alberta	$ 502.80		
British Columbia	500.00		
Manitoba	366.00		
Saskatchewan	271.08		
Hamilton and London	3,252.17		
Toronto and Kingston	4,297.63		
Montreal and Ottawa	1,955.17		
		$ 11,144.85	
Last Lake Ladies' Aid — payment on Organ purchased		100.00	
Lethbridge Missionary Association		56.00	
Government allowance for clothing of High School Students at Birtle Indian School		1,000.00	
			$ 13,599.24
Expenditure for Supplies			10,028.99
Balance 31st December, 1952			$ 3,570.25

TRUST FUNDS

PENSION FUND

Receipts:		
Balance, 31st December, 1951		$ 79,264.61
Annuity rates received from workers	$1,545.02	
Interest and dividends	2,525.76	
		4,070.78
		$ 83,335.39
Disbursements:		
Annuity rates, Society's and Workers'		3,144.85
Balance, 31st December, 1952		$ 80,190.54

LEGACY FUND

Receipts:	
Balance, 31st December, 1951	$112,350.42
Legacies received during 1952	15,571.23
	$127,921.65
Expenditures for Buildings, Equipment, Christian Literature, and Education of Special Medical Students in India	10,290.73
	$117,630.92

OVERSEAS FUND

Receipts:	
Balance, 31st December, 1951	$ 4,329.98
Interest	29.65
	$ 4,359.63
Disbursements:	
Repairs to Girls' School, Tamsui, and remodelling kitchen, Jhansi	$ 3,225.00
Balance, 31st December, 1952	$ 1,134.63

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND

Capital

Receipts:	
Balance, 31st December, 1951	$ 40,354.36
Sale of Bell Telephone rights	14.25
	$ 40,368.61
Balance, 31st December, 1952	$ 40,368.61

Income

Receipts:	
Balance, 31st December, 1951	$ 1,854.90
Interest	1,351.04
	$ 3,205.94
Expenditures:	
Balance, 31st December, 1952	1,631.00
	$ 1,574.94

SPECIAL FUND

Receipts:	
Balance, 31st December, 1952	$ 26,151.78
Sale of Shoal Lake Camp, Main Building, Buena Vista Camp, Launch Equipment at Cecilia Jeffrey School, Adjustment with Inter Church Property Commission and Interest	5,312.81
	$ 31,464.59
Disbursements:	
Repairs to East Selkirk Church and Expenses of Overseas Executive Secretary to Willingen, Germany	1,491.96
Balance, 31st December, 1952	$ 29,972.63

ARE WE LOYAL W.M.S, MEMBERS ?

Mrs. Pye has outlined briefly the story of our financial year. Each month we can read a chapter in The Treasurer's Statement in The Glad Tidings. She has reason to be proud of you who make a good financial statement possible each year. But each year our obligations grow. It is only natural that they should. These are obligations taken on in your name and with your consent and they must be supported by us or we will have failed in our task.

1952 is past. We did well. But a new year is two-thirds over and we are working on a new and larger allocation — $237,000.00. To the end of June the Synodical givings against this amount were $64,645.02. Are we loyal to our own cause? Will we make the grade again this year?

There are many interesting pieces of work to support in Missions. If we are really interested in the Missionary outreach of our Church, we want to support everything we hear about. Our Society tries to answer this characteristic in us by spending our money on as many projects as possible. But as the hum-drum detail of our everyday task must be done — so must the unpublicized, unromatic jobs of Missions be supported in order that the whole job may be well done.

Are we loyal W.M.S. members? Yes, I believe we are. We do put our shoulder to the wheel and keep our obligations always before us — and we usually find we have something left over. These are days of great proving for all of us. As this new term of work begins, we have an opportunity to prove many things about ourselves. May Mrs. Pye's statement for 1953 prove our loyalty and our strength and our "will to work"!

M.E.W.

ATTENTION

—All Church School Teachers.
—All Officers of Auxiliaries.
—All Leaders of Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T.

PRESBYTERIAN TRAINING INSTITUTES

What Are Presbyterian Training Institutes?

A Presbyterian Training Institute will be held in almost every Presbyterial within the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) this fall. The few that will be missed in the fall will have their Institutes in the early part of 1954.

Presbyterian Training Institutes are a joint project of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The purpose is to give training and missionary information to leaders and officers in various groups in the Church.

In most Presbyterials, the Training Institute will be held in one central place for several consecutive evenings of a week. A few scattered Presbyterials will have to have shorter term Institutes in various centres.

Who Will Attend Presbyterian Training Institutes?

—Church School Teachers of children and teen-age boys and girls.
—Leaders of Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T.
—Officers of Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries.

What Help Will Be Given at Presbyterian Training Institutes?

—Leadership Training—Practical help for those who are leaders of children's, girls' and adult groups.
—Missionary Information—First hand news of the mission work of our Church as told by a missionary on furlough.
—Inspiration—Through worship and fellowship.

Who Will Be On the Presbyterian Training Teams?

—Specialists in—Children's work.
  —Girl's work
  —Adult work.
—A Missionary

These leaders will include, besides the missionary, a National Secretary of our Church, a Presbyterian Regional Secretary, and a lay person who is a specialist in group work.

When Will the Presbyterian Training Institutes Be Held in Your Presbyterial?

British Columbia

Kamloops	November 9-13
Kootenay	November 2-6
Victoria	November 16-20
Westminster	Nov. 23—Dec. 4

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw	October 14-16, 19
Prince Albert	Sept. 28 — Oct. 2
Regina	October 20-23
Saskatoon	October 5-8

Alberta

Calgary	October 19-23
Edmonton	October 5-8
Macleod	October 26-30
Peace River	Sept. 28 — Oct. 2
Red Deer	October 13-16

Manitoba

Brandon	Oct. 26-30,—Nov. 2-4
Superior	November 16-20
Winnipeg	November 5-6, 9-13

Hamilton and London

Bruce	Sept. 28 — Oct. 2
Chatham	November 9-13
Hamilton	Early in 1954
Huron	October 13-16
London	November 16-20
Maitland	October 19-23
Niagara Falls	Early in 1954
Paris	November 23-27
Sarnia	November 2-6
Stratford	October 26-30

Toronto and Kingston

Algoma	December 2
Barrie	Nov. 30 — Dec. 4
Guelph	Early in 1954
Kingston	November 9-13
Lindsay	November 23-27
North Bay	Nov. 30—Dec. 1, 4, 5
Orangeville	Nov. 30 — Dec. 4
Peterborough	November 16-20
Saugeen	October 5-8
Temiskaming	Nov. 23—25, 27
Toronto East	Early in 1954
Toronto West	Early in 1954

Montreal and Ottawa

Brockville	November 2-6
Glengarry	October 13-16
Lanark & Renfrew	October 26-30
Montreal	Sept. 28 — Oct. 2
Ottawa	October 19-23
Quebec	Oct. 5-8, Nov. 26

Partnership With God

By MRS. C. L. POWELL

Mrs. Powell, a member of the Presbyterian Children's committee, calls on parents to share with the Church in the Christian education of the child.

A concern for the future of the Christian family fills the Church today. The situation is evident—how should Christian people face it?

Have the parents of this generation measured up to their responsibility in the training of the children entrusted to their care?

What Constitutes the Christian Family?

Christian Marriage should be the foundation of the Christian family. We have true Christian marriage where both parties are Christian. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (II Cor. 6:14). This truth should be stressed more by those teaching young people within our Church preparing them for Church membership and for adult living. It should be remembered by every Christian young person contemplating marriage.

Christian parents should see in each child a living soul to feed. The best possible way for a child to have this need supplied is to see and know Christian parents. Their example is the greatest teacher of all. The impressions made on young children's minds will remain with them all through life. So Christian training within the family should develop into a never-ceasing stream which flows along intermingling with the whole pattern of daily living as the family grows together .

How May The Christian Family Grow Together?

Christian growing within the family requires time, purpose and effort. Many parents have allowed the rush of the modern way of living to fill their lives excluding the development of the spiritual being. People need a return to a routine which includes spiritual food for the soul.

Here are a few suggestions for such growth—

1. Practice a quiet time each day—a few minutes where the spirit within the human being reaches out to touch the Divine Spirit who created us. During this quiet time search for God's purpose for your life and the life of your child. Having found God's will, follow it each day with courage and certainty.

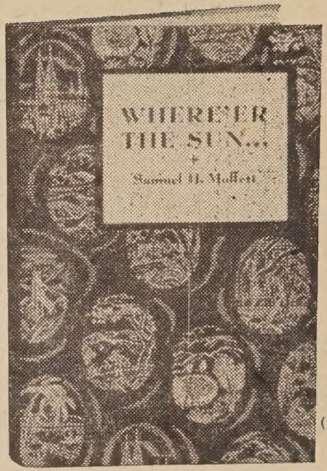
THAT the children, youth and adults of the Presbyterian Church in Canada MAY KNOW we urge the use of these recommended materials in the groups for which they have been prepared.

Many Hands
in Many Lands
Alice Geer Kelsey

The story book in the Junior Study Packet with programmes prepared by Lily M. Macarthur.

Order through your Presbyterial Literature Secretary or direct from:

The Literature Department
Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W.
Toronto 1, Ontario.


WHERE'ER
THE SUN...
Samuel H. Moffett

A book that all should read. The text book for two overseas programmes in Auxiliary Programmes 1953-54.

Your new secretary in this article, shows her knowledge of and her interest in you and your group.

—Ashley & Crippen

INTRODUCING

MRS. E. C. TRELEAVEN

Girl's Organizations Secretary, Council Executive

AUTUMN AGAIN! and I hope your leisure months have given you renewed energy, for this busy period of back to Church school, day school and fellowship organizations.

Have You A Mid-Week Group?

A mid-week meeting of your church school class (if you do not already have one) is surely worth considering. Some times it is necessary for young folk to take the initiative in certain matters. It might be worth your while to discuss or request this, of your leader or teacher. We know your church school teachers and youth leaders are very busy people. They probably feel they couldn't possibly spare the time to organize a mid-week meeting of your Sunday group. However, I feel confident if the request came from you for such organization your teacher or leader would find the time.

Suggestions For Autumn

For teen-agers who are already in C.G.I.T. groups, Autumn is the time we re-assemble and make our plans to cherish health, seek truth, know God and serve others. I am acquainted with a senior group who, by their request are having for their first project this autumn, Leadership Training in co-operation with the Church school. On Sunday they are working in primary department, taking the attendance and offering and helping with hand work. They will gradually observe and work into helping in the junior Church school. Their mid-week meeting will be used for informative talks by one of the church school officials and discussion on the work. There are many such opportunities for you to serve others. Through the planning and working out of projects such as this you really get to know your members much better than you ever could in a programme of all parties.

If one of your members had a family cottage and could invite your group there for a week-end in September it would have a wonderful effect on your winter projects. During this week-end you could observe who would make the best officers for your group. Your secretary needs to attend regularly and on time. The treasurer must be efficient and the most patient unselfish girl makes an excellent president and so on down the officers' list. A week-end of living together will help to acquaint you with your fellow members' ability and talents.

We Had Fun Too!

Last week I was hostess at a tea in a church where I taught Sunday School classes and had C.G.I.T. groups for ten years. As is the custom at teas the guests were gathered in small informal groups with much gaiety and laughter. It was thrilling for me to note that 3 of these groups consisted of three different C.G.I.T. groups I had led. They are all mothers now, some with teen age girls in C.G.I.T. groups. They were having a wonderful time recalling when Gwen dropped the collection plate in a church service and when Louise and Margaret swam across the river; when Adaline had the boy friend with the motor cycle or when we took the minister's sermon down in short hand, typed it and sent it to the shut-ins of the congregation; when we collected old newspapers and sold do-nuts to gather money to buy our food so we could have week-ends together at a cottage.

I believe it was those days when they were living together that made the ties between them so strong that after more than 20 years these friendships are becoming stronger instead of weaker.

As I look back I am always surprised at how quickly girls work projects pay dividends. You will not see it yet, but no doubt you have heard it said "The years grow shorter as you grow older." My little neice who is four, asked me how long from Monday to Saturday. When I asked her how many days in a week she said, "There used to be seven but that was last year when I was three. Now that I am four there wouldn't be so many."

Learned From Experience

As I look at the sons and daughters of the people I taught in Sunday School and C.G.I.T. such a short time ago, I feel I must say strongly "Look always for the good points in your classmates and associates." I know a mother who keeps a small set of balance scales handy and when her children come in complaining about some playmate the mother puts a block on one side of the scale and then asks the child about the nice things of the playmates and weighs the blocks on the other side. The good side always overbalances the bad side. If you chance to observe some unpleasant characteristic of one member of your group do not avoid her but try to know her better and I think you will find so many good characteristics to offset the unpleasant one that soon you will have made a friend. If you try to put yourself in the other girl's situation it will surprise you how easy it is to understand her action. One time I took some handicapped children to a circus. John was blind and Evelyn was deaf. John said, "I am so sorry for Evelyn. She can't hear the music from the bands or the lions roaring or the clapping of the crowd. She can't even hear the elephants clump by." Evelyn said later, "I felt so sorry for Johnny. He couldn't see those cute monkeys or the funny clowns or even the little pups." I always remembered that; and last week as I listened to the Ex-C.G.I.T.ers recalling all the happy memories they had of each other one said, "Remember when we used to think we were the best group in our C.G.I.T. We were so lucky all our members were good sports and so congenial. We had no misfits. Now when we have girls of our own we know if we are kind and considerate there will be no misfits. Everyone will have their share of opportunity and pleasure." I think this is a good piece of advice to pass on to you teen-agers as you re-organize and plan for this year's work. As your new members come in, look for them to be an asset to your group and they won't disappoint you. I know from experience. I like to remember that Life is a one way street — no matter how many detours you take none of them lead back. And once you know and accept that, life becomes much simpler. Because then you know you must do the best you can with what you have and what you are and what you have become.

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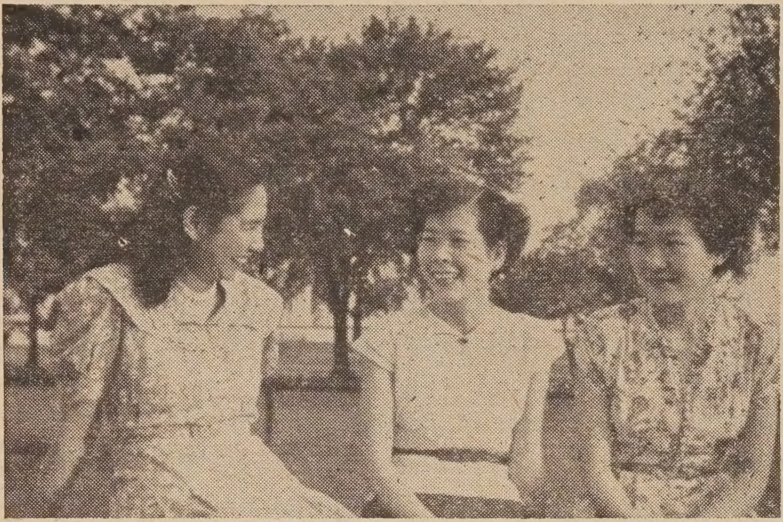

From the left:
CAROL CHIAM
LEONE SU
MARGARET LIN

—M.E.W.

From The Other Side Of The World

MRS. GORDON L. WALLACE

"I'm not going to Explorers this year", said Susan as she tucked her "Young Canada" into her pocket.

"I'll bet your mother makes you go". Beverley giggled.

"No she won't. She doesn't care if I go or not".

"I think I'll have to go", pouted Beverley. "Mother wants me to. I have to go for a music lesson every Thursday and I have to practise every day too. I like Miss Allen and I like Explorers but I'd rather play after school".

"I have music lessons too but I wouldn't stay home from Explorers for anything". This came from Anne.

"Why in the world would you go if you didn't have to"? asked Susan.

It was September and the three little girls were walking home from Sunday School. Miss Allen, the leader, told all the boys and girls before the last hymn that Explorers would begin on Tuesday.

"Why do you want to go?" insisted Susan.

They walked on a bit before Anne answered. "I'll tell you why", she began. "Do you remember how Miss Allen told us that some of our offering was for telling about Jesus to people on the other side of the world"?

"Sure, I remember", said Beverley.

"Well, I saw a lady this summer from the other side of the world".

"Where"? asked Susan.

"I saw her at camp".

"Did she look like the people in that book you have? Beverley asked as they stopped on the corner to talk.

"Yes, she does. I suppose you think they look different from us. At first I thought so too. But before camp was over I didn't think so at all".

"Did she change"?

"No, she didn't change. I just never thought how she looked. She was the leader of my tent. She knew an awful lot about the Bible and we always begged her not to stop our Bible Study. She told us how missionaries from Canada had gone to Formosa — that was the name of her country — and had taught many of her people about God and His love. She said part of our offerings in Mission Bands and Explorers all across Canada had helped send the missionaries. She might never have known about Jesus if someone hadn't wanted to tell her people".

"What is she doing in Canada"?

"She is going back to school to learn how to be a good missionary herself. She is going back to do church work in Formosa".

"What is her name"?

"She is called Carol Chiam. Carol isn't her real first name. It is too hard to say so she is called Carol while she is in Canada".

"Did you like her"?

—M.E.W.

"I think I can do it". Leone takes a cooking lesson on a camp stove

"O, yes, we all liked her. She was so much fun. Lots of the older girls wished they were in our tent. She told all of us so many stories about Formosa and what she did when she was a little girl. She was very kind too. One night I had a sick stomach and I wished I could go home, but she cheered me up so that I didn't feel that way very long".

She must be lonesome here all alone so far from home".

"But she isn't alone. There are two other ladies here from Formosa. Their names are Margaret Lim and Leone Su. They are learning to be church workers too and bye-and-bye they will go home again. You know", went on Anne, "the very last day of camp I told our tent leader how much I liked her, and that I'd like to go to Formosa as a missionary some day. She put her arm around me and said she hoped I would get to Formosa because there are still people there who do not know of God's love. The Church needs help in telling these people of Him."

"I wish I could see her", said Susan. "She sounds wonderful".

"You can see her picture. Come into my house", invited Anne as they came to her walk. "It is in my mother's 'Glad Tidings'."

The three girls looked at the pictures of the three young leaders from Formosa.

"I'll bet I would like her too", said Beverley.

"I think I will go to Explorers this year after all", Susan said. "Perhaps Miss Allan will tell us more about the people in Formosa".

"Me too", added Beverley. "My mother won't have to make me go. I am going to save more money for the offering. Say, do you think our mothers would give us jobs so we could earn some"?

"See you Tuesday at Explorers", called Anne as the two girls went on home.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS 1952

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN Presterial — St. Andrew's W.M.S., **Armstrong,** honoured one of their former members, Mrs. Edith Sutherland of North Vancouver. The presentation on the 25th Anniversary of the Church, was made in recognition of her capable and faithful services during her residence in Armstrong.

The W.M.S. of St. Andrew's, **Penticton,** B.C., held its Thank Offering meeting on June 17th. The Mission Band gave a programme of singing in costumes of various countries, a Candle Light service entitled "Lights out of Africa". The Mission Band Secretary, Georgiana Bowen-Colthurst, read a short article she had written, entitled, "What is Mission Band?" Coloured slides of the B.C. Synodical officers taken at the Annual Meeting at Nanaimo, V.I., were shown. Curios were on display including some of Norway and Ireland which were brought by the new minister and his wife, Rev. S. McGladdery.

VICTORIA Presbyterial — St. Andrew's W.M.S., **Duncan,** invited the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Victoria, to their May meeting. Mrs. D. C. English, President, welcomed the guests and Mrs. E. McKay, Vice-President of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, gave an interesting summary of the Synodical Annual Meeting held in Nanaimo.

The annual C.G.I.T. Mother and Daughter Banquet of St. Andrew's Presbyterial Church, **Victoria,** was held May 19th, in the Lecture Room. Miss Mildred Howard of the Y.W.C.A. spoke to the girls telling them of her experiences and the people she had met on a trip around the world. Miss Judy Hirst was winner of the story telling contest.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Chinese Presbyterial Mission, Victoria, held a very happy meeting on June 6th, to mark the 30th anniversary of their Auxiliary. Members and friends were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Leung Moi Fong. Mrs. Chow Young, a charter member, gave a most interesting address on the life of the Auxiliary. Miss Lee translated Mrs. Chow's message and read the account of the founding of the group from notes written by Miss Alice Cronkhite, the first President. Greetings were brought from Victoria Presbyterial and the Chinese Young Women's Group and best wishes from Miss Cronkhite and Mrs. E. McQueen were read.

The Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, had Mrs. H. Warren as their guest at the meeting held June 15th. Mrs. Warren was Presbyterial delegate to Council meetings in London and brought a very comprehensive report.

On Thursday, June 18th, Mrs. Warren, with some of the other members of the Presbyterial Executive, went out to Knox Church, Sooke, to give her report there.

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — The Westminster Presbyterial tea, ably convened by Miss S. White, was held in Central Presbyterial Church, Vancouver. Rev. V. J. Quinn, M.A., of Glasgow, Scotland, was introduced by Mrs. E. Fox, Presbyterial President. Rev. Quinn spoke of Church work and the great part the women are taking. He introduced Mr. Bullock of the Sitka, Alaska, mission, under the U.S. Presbyterian Church and supported by three Presbyterials of the U.S.

Westminster Presbyterial held an open meeting in Mount Pleasant Church on June 22nd when Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Bryce and Mrs. Murdock gave reports of Council. As prayer is the key which opens the door to the work of our Women's Missionary Society, it was felt that more earnest prayer is needed.

At Central Church recently at a service of affiliation of the C.G.I.T. with the Evening Auxiliary, Miss S. White presented the girls with world friendship badges, and Mrs. O. Thorpe, Assistant Girls' Work Secretary, spoke briefly on our missionary goals and achievements. Miss Mary Roos, one of the C.G.I.T. girls, was given another seal on her Junior Life Membership.

A very delightful closing of Mount Pleasant Mission Band took place recently in the church parlour. It was a unique gathering as several nationalities were represented, some of the children being new Canadians who one year ago had no knowledge of the English language but could now repeat their part in the programme perfectly. Three children were presented with Junior Life Memberships, one of whom was one of our new Canadians. Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, a Past President of B.C. Synodical, gave a very informative talk to the children and then presented the certificates to Mimi Garriguez, Wayne Willk, and Billy Henderson. The pins were presented by the leader, Mrs. Jean Bassey. During the winter months the average attendance of this band has been 15 and the membership 18. All credit for this splendid record goes to the leader, Mrs. Bassey, who has trained the children well in every way.

Prince Rupert Auxiliary held an open meeting in June when they were very fortunate in having Professor Allan Farris of Knox College, Toronto, as guest speaker. Professor Allan Farris spoke on "Scotland as I saw it" illustrated by coloured slides of beauty spots and historic churches which he took on a recent visit to Scotland.

The conclusion of the term for the Nursery School at the Children's Centre, Vancouver, was held recently in the form of a luncheon to which the mothers of the children were invited. About 30 children and adults were present and special guests included representatives from Westminster Presbyterial and from Central Presbyterial Church. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed and brought to a fitting conclusion the present school term.

The May meeting of the W.M.S. of Central Church, **Vancouver,** was attended by the Canadian Girl's in Training and Boys' and Girls' Explorer groups, with their leaders, Miss Athalie Read and Miss Margaret Boyd of the Children's Centre. A well performed play was given by the children, the theme being "Africa." A much deserved honour was given to Miss Grace MacKay, Regional Secretary. There was a short address by the Rev. E. Victor J. Quinn, recently arrived from Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Cheery Chums C.G.I.T. group of Robertson Presbyterian Church held its combined Initiation and Affiliation Ceremonies on May 19th. Wearing crisp, new middies, the girls, with their parents and friends, had an evening of Christian fellowship and enjoyment.

Instead of the usual candle lighting ceremonies, open Bibles were placed on the table by the Presbyterial representative, Miss Grace MacKay and Mrs. Gilmour, President of the Senior Auxiliary. Each girl reverently placed

New Testaments beside these Bibles. These Testaments are to be distributed to hospital patients.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada lost one of its most devoted and faithful leaders in the sudden passing of Mrs. C. E. Jamieson at her home on July 6th 1953. A member of Grace Presbyterian Church since coming to Calgary in 1919, Mrs. Jamieson throughout her full and rich life made a contribution of rare merit both to her home, church and also the church throughout Alberta through her many activities in the W.M.S. Among the many offices she held in the W.M.S. were those of Auxiliary President, Presbyterial President and Vice-President of the Alberta Synodical.

She was an inspiration to all those who were privileged to work with her both by her own vital missionary vision and by her qualities of human sympathy and friendliness. The word of God tells us that the great requirement of stewardship is "Faithfulness' and this could be most aptly applied to her and she has now most assuredly received the great commendation of our Master "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband and family in the loss of one so esteemed by all who knew her.

A very delightful event took place in North Hill Presbyterian Church **Calgary,** recently when the Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society entertained the Home Helpers, members of the Athalie Reed Evening Auxiliary, C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups at a dinner in the lecture hall. The feature of the evening was a public speaking contest on "Missionaries in Africa" by members of the Explorer Group and C.G.I.T. The contestants were commended by the Adjudicator Dr. Agnes O'Niel for their efforts.

These girls also presented their stories at the Presbyterial Executive meeting in May and received a book as an award from the Presbyterial for their splendid work.

At a meeting of the Auxiliary of North Hill Presbyterian Church, **Calgary,** the members entertained Miss Florence Goertzen and Mrs. M. McCallum. Miss Goertzen is the deaconess at Mount Pleasant Church. She told the Auxiliary about the course of studies which she has just completed at the Deaconess Training School in Toronto and also about the work she expects to be doing while in Calgary. Mrs. McCallum gave a splendid talk on the Council meeting which was held in London, Ontario.

The Elizabeth Rae Auxiliary of Grace Church, Calgary, held a very interesting meeting in June when they entertained the members of the Grace Bethany Auxiliary and the Young Women's Auxiliary of Grace Church. Miss Betty Clark, First Vice-President, presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. M. McCallum, who was attending the Council meeting in London. The speaker was Rev. S. J. Wylie of Whiteabbey Church, Belfast, Ireland, who is conducting the services at Grace Church during the summer months.

The Elizabeth Rae Auxiliary ended the half year very happily with a picnic at which Mrs. M. McCallum, the President, gave a report of the Council meeting.

Knox Church C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups held a very delightful mother and daughter banquet at which they entertained their mothers, the members of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Goforth Evening Association and the Isobel McConnell Affiliated Society. The girls provided a short programme and were re-affiliated with the W.M.S. Miss Margaret McLagan, Girls' Organizations Secretary, Calgary Presbyterial, announced that Mrs. Doherty's group at Knox had earned a Chevron for their work throughout the year.

EDMONTON Presbyterial — Mrs. J. Kelman presided at the Presbyterial Executive meeting held in First Presbyterian Church late in June. Miss Roma Rodd, a recent graduate of the Deaconess Training School, who is in Alberta for the summer to lead vacation schools, was present and led the devotions. Mrs. H. Delamater, delegate to the Council meeting in London, gave her report.

MACLEOD Presbyterial — Members of St. John's Senior Auxiliary, the Hargrave Guild, the Isobel Taylor Guild and the Ruby Walker Guild, all of **Medicine Hat,** met for a supper meeting in June at the home of Mrs. G. G. Elder, Presbyterial President. Mrs. Greta Shaver, who represented Macleod Presbyterial at Council, gave her report of the sessions held in London.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA Presbyterial — At a recent meeting of the Women's Federation of First Church, Regina, the girls taking part in the story-telling contest sustained the programme. Excellent stories on the lives of David Livingstone, Robert Moffat and John Geddie were submitted and Sylvianne Forsythe, Jane Carpenter and Catherine Tate were declared the winners. Much of the credit for this successful venture must go to Mrs. Holly Wallace who is the girls' Sunday School teacher. This is a beginning of an interesting project and Regina Presbyterial looks forward to having a contest in every congregation next year.

A Mission Band party was held in the club rooms of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, recently. Mothers and younger children were invited. There were about fifty children and twenty-three mothers and friends present. Special guests included: Dr. and Mrs. N. Kennedy, Mrs. E. Sneath, President of Women's Federation, and Mrs. R. A. Tate, who is the Missionary convener, Films were shown, one on "Africa," and one on Red Cross Water Safety. There were also two films shown that were entertaining for the younger children.

SASKATOON Presbyterial — The Parkview Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society took charge of a morning service for the Rev. J. M. Young during the time he attended the School of Evangelism in Toronto. The president conducted the service. Mrs. J. M. Young presented the message, her theme being "Come Over and Help Us." The service was well attended and it is hoped that greater interest in the work of the W.M.S. will result.

In place of the regular Thankoffering Meeting the Senior Auxiliary sponsored a W.M.S. Family Night. There was a good representation from each group which included Mission Band, C.G.I.T., Young Women, Home Helpers, the Sr. Auxiliary and friends. The C.G.I.T. and Mission Band provided the programme, which consisted of a chorus, stories and a skit based on our African studies.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Brandon** recently honored Mrs. J. McCrostie, who is leaving to reside in Vancouver. Mrs. McCrostie is a life member and had assisted in all branches of Church life, especially in Mission Bands and among Home Helpers. She is also an Honorary President of Brandon Presbyterial.

An impressive affiliation service was held in First Presbyterian Church, Portage la Prairie when members of the C.G.I.T. became affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. H. Crump, Presbyterial representative, Mrs. W. Oliver and Mrs. G. Fairbairn of the local auxiliary and Misses Edith Milton and Bernice McRae, leaders of the group, took part in the ceremony. Mrs. Crump spoke to the girls on the work among the Indian folk and told of the need for workers. She urged the girls to do their part in the work of the Church. During the year the girls took part in a story telling contest sponsored by the W.M.S. Three girls presented their stories on David Livingstone and his work. Helen Vopni was judged the winner. Other girls taking part were Isobel McLean and Lynne Farley.

"The World For Christ" was the heading under which the mid summer rally of Brandon Presbyterial convened at First Church, Brandon. The President, Mrs. J. G. McBurney of Hartney, presided. Mrs. D. H. Ross, newly appointed Synodical President, brought greetings from the Synodical meeting. Mrs. A. H. McKay of Winnipeg spoke of the duties of officers. Rev. W. A. Douglas of Melita continued the theme exhorting us to carry on the work planned and finish the job, but not in our own strength. We can only acccomplish this with the power that comes from prayer. Mrs. McBurney introduced Rev. D. C. Hill, Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba, who told of mission work in Brandon Presbytery. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, told about the Presbyterian Training Institutes, the summer school to be held at St. John's College, Winnipeg and the leadership course to open in Brandon Presbytery from Oct. 26 to Nov. 4. The evening session was held in St. Andrew's Church, when Rev. D. C. Hill spoke to the Young Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Sargent entertained the **Melita** Auxiliary at her home at Reston. A brief memorial was held for Mrs. Angus Fraser, an esteemed member who died the month before. Three Life Memberships were presented: to Mrs. Charles, Mrs. McNutt and Mrs. Davison. They were the gifts of three members of the auxiliary.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The June meeting of the Auixliary of St. Andrew's, **Fort William,** was held jointly with the Evening Guild. Mrs. R. C. Browne presided. Members of the Evening Guild took charge of the study. Mrs. G.E. Blale and Miss Margaret MacNair were honoured for their faithful work in the Church organizations over a long period.

A very interesting account of the meetings of Council which met recently in New St. James Church, London, was heard at a special meeting of Superior Presbyterial, held in First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur.** The reports were presented by Mrs. G. P. Stirrett, President of Superior Presbyterial and Mrs. D. H. Ross, President of Manitoba Syndical Society. Mrs. Stirrett summarized briefly, the talks given by the various speakers. Mrs. Ross gave a report on the budget. The budget, she pointed out, included allocations for a wide range of work.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — A regional meeting was held in Knox Presbyterian Church **Stonewall.** Mrs. Long presided. Mrs. Boudreau, the special speaker gave a very interesting and instructive report on the Council meetings. Mrs. McRae spoke on Home Helpers stressing that each should be asked to read **The Glad Tidings.** Mrs. Davidson brought greetings from the Presbyterial. She urged each one to read the Annual report.

A sectional meeting was held in Knox Church, **Selkirk.** Mrs. Cormack Smith presided, Mrs. D. H. Ross reported on the Council meeting. Members of Winnipeg Presbyterial who attended and spoke were: Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Glad Tidings Secretary, Miss W. Nash, Evening Department Secretary, Mrs. Sutton, Supply Secretary.

A sectional meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, **Kenora.** Mrs. D. C. Hill, Treasurer of Winnipeg Presbyterial presided. Mrs. M. McFarlane introduced Mrs. D. H. Ross, President of Manitoba Synodical who was just returning from the Council meeting. Mrs. Ross gave her report on the meeting. Mrs. G. A. Warrington, Literature Secretary, had a nice display of books. She spoke about them, urging that members keep in touch with missionary work through reading. Mrs. W. S. Smith, Press Secretary, asked that the interesting happening in the auxiliaries be sent to her for **The Glad Tidings** and also that they be published in local papers. After the meeting, the Winnipeg visitors were taken to see Cecelia Jeffrey School.

The Winnipeg Presbyterial met in First Church. Mrs. Davidson presided. A presentation was made to Mrs. Davidson who is leaving Winnipeg to reside in Vancouver. Mrs. A. M. Long expressed the good wishes of all to Mrs. Davidson.

The regular meeting of the auxiliary of First Church **Winnipeg** had as guests, the Home Helpers group. Mrs. F. A. Gemmer and Mrs. John Campbell were in charge of the programme. Miss Norma Kennedy summer worker in the Presbytery was guest speaker. She told of her work last summer when she was in Alberta on a van.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND Presbyterial — Port Elgin Mission Banders, The "Sunbeams" of Tolmic Church concluded their seasonal activities with a most successful "Visitors' Night" for parents and friends. A large number enjoyed the little program prepared also the display of posters on Africa, needle cases made for India, and the Scrap books for the local hospital. $14.30 was the evening offering — a very acceptable boost to the allocation of the little Band. Puppet characters from a witch-doctor to a huge yellow moon were manipulated by the children in reviewing the book "Mpengo of the Congo."

CHATHAM Presbyterial — Turin W.M.S. Auxiliary entertained 155 guests on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Mrs. Donald B. Cram, of the Manse, welcomed friends from **Windsor, Rutherford, Chatham, Wallaceburg, Kintyre, Rodney, Ridgetown, Kent Bridge, Thamesville, Duart, Highgate** and **Turin.** Mrs. Harry Reynolds, President, presided and Rev. Kenneth Stevenson, the guest speaker, showed slides on Liberia and told of his missionary work in Africa.

Thamesville Senior Auxiliary entertained the **Dresden** Auxiliary at St. James Presbyterian Church with the ladies from Dresden in charge of the program.

The Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** heard a very fine address by Mrs. Allan Farquhar, and welcomed several new members. Members also assisted in decorating the Church for Children's day.

June 11th was the date for the Home Helpers' dinner given by the Alexander Bartlet W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor.** Some of the ladies quilted a baby's quilt pieced by the C.G.I.T. girls and five packets of magazines were taken to the hospital and the Homestead.

The Chinese Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** entertained members of the W.M.S. and other church ladies on the occasion of their second anniversary. The Church hall was decorated with Chinese Embroidery and other pieces of Chinese art and each tea table was centred with a Chinese vase or pottery and multi-coloured tulips. The guests were greeted by Mrs. Yew, Mrs. George Eng and Mrs. Su Hong in native costume, and a background of Chinese music was played through the evening.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, **Windsor,** closed for the summer by remembering in prayer our gracious Sovereign Queen Elizabeth and hearing an interesting paper on the Coronation. The report of the annual Lilac Tea was most gratifying. It was voted that two C.G.I.T. girls be sent to summer camp.

Knox Auxiliary, **Leamington,** heard a nice letter read from Miss Isabel McConnel, Bhil Field, India, thanking the Auxiliary for their Care Parcels, and describing the grave conditions in the famine stricken area.

LONDON Presbyterial—Mrs. Charles McCarroll, of **Bethel,** secretary of the Y.W. Auxiliary of London Presbyterial, addressed members of St. George's W.M.S. and Home Helpers at their annual get-together Tea.

Members of the Wilkie Evening Auxiliary, the C.G.I.T., the Explorers and the Mission Band attended a meeting at Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, to hear Miss Elsie Lavery speak on her missionary work in Nigeria with illustrated slides. Mrs. Harold Keefer of Council Executive, attending the Annual Council meeting in London, was present and spoke to the groups attending.

Miss Margaret Webster and Miss Helen Bricker, in London for W.M.S. Council, were invited to bring greetings to the annual meeting of the London Girls' Work Board. At this meeting Miss Edna Kee, leader of C.G.I.T. in New St. James, **London,** was returned to presidency of the London Girls' Work Board.

The W.M.S. ladies wish to record their great pleasure and honour in having the Council Meetings, May 26-30, 1953, convene in New St. James Church, London. They also wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation of Radio and Press in **St. Thomas** and **London** in announcing and covering the several sessions.

Mrs. J. K. West presided at the June 9th Executive Meeting of London Presbyterial at which it was decided to send $55.00 to the Special Gift Fund to be used for a Record Player for the Jhansi field, India, where Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Knox, now on furlough, shortly return.

MAITLAND Presbyterial — Ripley Afternoon Auxiliary, Knox Church, happily announce a missionary honour conferred upon a very faithful worker, Mrs. J. MacIver, through her son, at their May meeting.

In Chalmers Presbyterian, at **Whitechurch,** the Spring Maitland Presbyterial was held May 19th with Mrs. J. Thompson, missionary on furlough from Trinidad, giving a stirring missionary message to a large gathering. Rev. Dean Johnston, M.A., Chairman of Board of Missions, was the chairman. A highlight was the presentation of an Honorary Membership to Mrs. J. Bell, Kincardine, in appreciation of her long service as Presbyterial Treasurer.

NIAGARA Presbyterial — We are glad to report our Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. M. Dickson, who underwent surgery early in June, made splendid progress and is convalescing for a short time at her daughter's home in St. Davids, before returning to her own apartment.

SARNIA Presbyterial — Despite the severe storm and tornado prevalent that evening 75 ladies, representing section 2 of **Sarnia** Presbyterial, made their way to Knox Presbyterian, **Thedford,** for a very fine meeting. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, Toronto, gave a challenging Missionary talk to the eight auxiliaries present: Knox, **Warwick, Waterford, Aberarder, Camlachie, Forest, Thedford** and two groups from **Wyoming.** Synodical reports were given by Mrs. F. Galley, **Forest,** also Mrs. P. McEwen and Mrs. George Dewar of **Wyoming.**

Section 4 had its district meeting in **Mooretown** at which eleven auxiliaries assembled and heard Miss Ruby Walker.

STRATFORD Presbyterial — Mrs. J. Williams, Milverton, Y.W. Presbyterial Secretary, presided over the third annual Stratford Presbyterial Y.W. Department Rally in Knox Church, **Listowel,** at which Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Miss Grace Irvine and Mrs. A. Hamilton, the President of the Hamilton-London Synodical, were guests.

The Mary and Martha Y.W. Group of **Stratford** presented the missionary play by Miss Irvine, "Keeping time with National Missions"; the Bessie MacMurchy group presented a missionary demonstration directed by Miss MacMurchy, and the "Northern Lights" of **North Norington** presented a Worship Easter Pantomime. The new group from **Avonton** attended for the first time and received a hearty welcome from all at this most successful rally.

Motherwell Auxiliary entertained 110 persons registered at the June Presbyterial meeting. A discussion of Presbyterian Training Institute work was conducted by Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., of Toronto and Miss Anne MacEachern, newly appointed Regional Secretary, during the afternoon and Mrs. George Cleland led the evening discussion period with Miss Margaret Webster speaking in the evening on the theme, "Here I will build my church." Miss Beth Anderson was the winner for the Presbyterial Story Telling Contest on Africa and her award was a holiday to Kintail Camp.

Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, **Atwood,** Synodical President, extended Synodical greetings.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — Miss C. M. Acheson gave a report on the Synodical Meetings held in Sudbury to the Grace Stone Evening Auxiliary, Westminster Church, **Sault Ste. Marie.** She also spoke to the Senior Auxiliary. The annual Ho Helpers meeting was very successf

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The annual rally of Barrie Presbyterial was held in Bonar Presbyterial Church, **Port McNicoll.** Mrs. Wm. McEachern, **Orillia,** Presbyterial Secretary, opened the meeting with the theme: Pray Ye, Give Ye, How Readest Though? A cordial welcome was extended to all by Mrs. L. R. Fair, President Port McNicoll Auxiliary. The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. D. H. McNabb, Orillia. Mrs. McNabb remarked that in the ten years she has served as treasurer, all contributions have doubled. Mrs. Butt, **Huntsville,** Mrs. Cummings, **Barrie,** and Mrs. A. T. MacDonald, **Orillia,** delegates to the Synodical annual meeting, gave their reports. The guest speaker was Miss Margaret Webster, Director of Organization. Miss Webster introduced Miss Anne MacEachern, newly appointed Regional Secretary and in a panel discussion they outlined their work and its aim. Miss L. Newell, **Alliston,** introduced Mrs. B. F. Andrew, the speaker for the afternoon. Mrs. Andrew spoke of her experience as a missionary in British Guiana. Miss Mary McNicoll of **Duntroon** won first prize in the girls' story-telling contest. The prize, a trip to Glen Mohr Camp. The contest is a new venture in the Girls' Organization Department. Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Girls' Secretary for Barrie was congratulated for the success of her efforts in the venture. The Mission Band Banner was won by the Orillia Band. The Mission Band of Knox Flos won the prize for the Mission Band display.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Bertha Christman, a devout and beloved member of Gale Presbyterian Church, **Elmira,** passed away, June 1st, 1953. Miss Christman was organist for fifty-five years, a charter member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, Sunday School teacher and active in other organizations of the Church. She leaves behind a great record of long and distinguished service to Gale Church. A lovely memory: even to think of her is to thank Almighty God and take courage.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Kingston Presbyterial summer rally met in St. Andrew's Church, **Picton** with a large attendance. The The Presbyterian Training Institutes were discussed. The team is to be in Kingston Presbyterial Nov. 9th-Nov. 13th. A committee of fifteen, made up of members of the Presbyterial and Presbytery will direct its work in Kingston Presbytery. Mrs. C. A. Smart, Presbyterial President presided at both the executive meeting and the afternoon session. The theme of the rally was: "Hold High the Torch! You Did Not Light Its Glow, 'Twas Given By Other Hands." The guest speaker was Mrs. A. S. Carr, President of West Toronto Presbyterial. Mrs. J. W. MacDonald St. John's Church, Pittsburgh brought the report of the Council meeting.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — Lindsay Presbyterial held a Mission Band Rally in **Beaverton** Church. Over ninety children and leaders were present from **Lindsay, Cresswell, Bolsover, Woodville, Cannington, Gamebridge** and **Beaverton.** "Love Thy Neighbour" was the theme of the rally. Mrs. William Wallace, Beaverton, was in charge. Mrs. Whalen, Beaverton, welcomed the gathering. Mrs. McInnis introduced the speaker, Mrs. William McEachern of Orillia, President of Barrie Presbyterial. She brought a story of Africa for the children, a challenge to the leaders and a beautiful picture of Christ and the children of all nations.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — The 39th annual meeting of North Bay Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Parry Sound** with delegates present from **Burke's Falls, Magnetewan, North Bay** and **Sudbury.** Mrs. D. F. Tilly, President of the Presbyterial presided. The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Norman Caswell, Parry Sound. Mrs. Andrew Logan, Treasurer, congratulated the auxiliaries on their good response of last year with their allocation met and an increase as well. All reports showed progress and noted increased interest. Mrs. Tilly presented the report of th Synodical annual meeting. The special speaker was Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N.

An interesting pageant was the highlight of a joint meeting of the Senior Auxiliary and the Christine Maxwell Evening Auxiilary of **North Bay.** Mrs. Rose Robertson presided. The guest speaker was Miss Bessie MacMurchy. Rev. Mr. Hancock of North Bay Church extended greetings from the session. Miss MacMurchy presented her pageant: "A Light on the Path." She dresses 27 participants in her costumes. After the pageant she explained the significance of the various costumes and told how she could identify the caste from the dress.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — There were 125 registered at the annual rally of Orangeville Presbyterial held in Waldemar Presbyterian Church. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, President, presided. A successful year year was reported by all secretaries. Three new groups were formed, membership increased by 134 and our allocation was met in full. Mrs. Fred Knox from the Bhil Field, India, spoke of her work in India. Mrs. E. C. A. Reynolds gave a splendid report of the Synodical meeting held in Sudbury. At the afternoon sessesion, Rev. Fred Knox spoke.

Miss Violet McLaren, missionary on furlough from Trinidad was the guest speaker at **Boothville** Mission Band Thankoffering.

Swinton Park Mission Band held their Thankoffering in the Church. Rev. Willis Hunking, missionary on furlough from Nigeria spoke on his work there.

Grand Valley Auxiliary held an evening service in Knox Church. Three teen-age girls told stories of African missionaries. Miss Dianne Davies will represent Grand Valley at the Presbyterial this fall.

The Mission Bands and Explorer groups of **Orangeville** Presbyterial met in Knox Church, **Ventry** for a very profitable rally. The Bands displayed their dolls they had received from either home or overseas mission fields. They were dressed in native costume. The children had sent Canadian dolls in exchange.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL —On June 30th, 1953, the Auxiliary of Beaches Presbyterian Church, **Toronto,** suffered the loss of one of their faithful members, Miss Bessie Baillie. Miss Baillie was immediate past president of the auxiliary. She was a district Vice President of Toronto East Presbyterial.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL —At the first Family Night of the three missionary auxiliaries of Parkdale Church, **Toronto,** Rev. D. Crawford-Smith, M.C.B.A.B.D. of Knox Church, **Guelph,** was the guest speaker. Presiding were Mrs. David A. Mowat, President of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary, who welcomed members and guests; Mrs. W. B. Cross, President of the Sloan Auxiliary; Miss Lillian Heslip, President of the Young Women's group. Mrs. Cross introduced Mr. Crawford-Smith, who grew up in Parkdale Church. He spoke on Pagan Frontiers in Canada. He drove home the truth that this paganism lay not in overseas fields alone but all around us in Canada; that the missionary influence of Church members must make itself sincerely felt at home as well as overseas; that we cannot afford to be neutral but must meet this paganism on our own doorstep.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The final competition in a "Missionary Story-Telling Contest" sponsored by the W.M.S. of **Brockville** Presbyterial, was held in St. Paul's Church, **Winchester.** Mrs. H. O. Balkwill, President of the Evening Auxiliary, presided; introducing the speakers and judges and welcoming the guests. The contestants were: Lorna Arbuthnot, Russell, topic: "David Livingstone". Lorraine Runions, Morewood, topic: "Mobile Units and Medical Missionaries". Marlene Davidson, Brockville, topic, "What it means to be a Christian Missionary", and Jean Stinson, Ventnor, topic: "Alexander McKay". Mrs. Eric Larsen, Presbyterial President, presented the Presbyterial prize to Miss Jean Stinson, entitling her to ten days at Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster.

GLENGARRY Presbyterial — The 39th Annual Rally of Glengarry Presbyterial was held in St. Luke's Church, **Finch,** with a registration of 150 delegates. The President, Mrs. Alpin MacGregor, presided at the morning and afternoon Sessions, with Rev. John Honeyman presiding at the evening session. Mrs. J. McCleverty gave an excellent report of the Annual Synodical Meeting held in Knox Crescent and Kensington Church, **Montreal.** Greetings from the Synodical Society were extended by the President, Mrs. W. E. Baker; from the United Church by Mrs. Beach and from Montreal Presbyterial by Miss Dorothy Coles; from Brockville Presbyterial by Mrs. Earl Munro.

The guest speaker was Miss Dorothy Douglas, missionary teacher in the Girls' School in Tamsui, Formosa. Miss Douglas addressed both the afternoon and evening meetings telling of the Country, the people, and the work being done there to lead the people to Christ.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, W.M.S. Hospital Visitor in Montreal, gave an interesting and informative address on her work, as visitor to hundreds of patients in Hospitals, homes for the aged and the Hospital for Crippled Children.

LANARK AND RENFREW Presbyterial — The Spring Meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Carleton Place,** with representatives present from ten auxiliaries. The President, Mrs. H. Barker of **Smith's Falls,** presided. The Treasurer, Mrs. Culhave of **Renfrew,** reported a substantial increase in the givings to date, over the same period last year.

The main business was making arrangements for the Sectional meetings to be held at **Cobden, Dewars,** and **Almonte.** Instead of having a special speaker for the meetings on three successive days, as last year, it was decided that each Sectional should arrange for its own speaker and set a suitable date.

Plans were made for the Annual Mission Band Rally to be held at Elphin. The Presbyterian Training Institute, to be held in Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial in October, was discussed, and tentative plans were made for this Course.

The Western Sectional meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Cobden;** Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, Third Vice-President, presided and the meeting was based on the theme, "Abiding in Christ." Representatives were present from **Cobden, Micksburg, Pembroke, Petawawa, Ross, Scotland** and **Wolftown.** Rev. B. D. Armstrong, Clerk of Presbytery, brought greetings, referring to the important place women have held in the Church from earliest times.

An excellent report of the Annual Synodical Meeting held in Montreal was given by Mrs. Carter of Renfrew. The Treasurer's report showed an increase over last year. Auxiliary reports were most encouraging, showing an increase in both membership and givings. A new auxiliary and a Mission Band were formed at Petawawa.

Mrs. George Anderson, a returned Missionary from Africa, gave a most interesting address on her work there. Coloured slides of our work in Formosa were shown and gave a clearer picture of our missionaries' work there.

The Annual Sectional meeting was held in **Dewars** Church. The programme was based on the theme "Service". Mrs. Elmer McLean, Second Vice-President, presided and representatives were present from **Arnprior, Dewars, Lochwinnoch, Renfrew, Stewartville** and **White Lake.** 56 members registered.

Rev. O. Channon of Arnprior, addressed the meeting on the theme "Service" and stressed the need for missionary workers to use their talents and money to better advantage in an "all-out" service to God.

Mrs. Carter of Renfrew gave a splendid report of the Synodical meeting in Montreal.

Mrs. George Anderson of Petawawa spoke on her work as a missionary in Africa and her message was one of inspiration. She said "The people in Africa have so little, yet they do so much with it, and we in this land of plenty have so much, yet do so little with it." Mrs. Anderson urged more earnest witness for Christ, and more devoted service to this great missionary work of which we form a part.

MONTREAL Presbyterial — The June meeting of Knox Crescent and Kensington W.M.S. Auxiliary was Membership Day, the sixth since the union of the two churches.

Two "In Memoriams" were presented, one in memory of Miss Catherine Lanskail, who at the time of her death was Recording Secretary of the Auxiliary, and the other in memory of Miss Christina Davidson, who for many years had very close connection with the Auxiliary.

Life memberships were presented to Mrs. Walter Mingie and Mrs. Norman Seath. Honorary Memberships were presented to Mrs. W. R. Henry, Mrs. J. H. Greig, Mrs. Wm. Skead and Mrs. James Thom.

As in the past several years Mrs. J. W. Dougherty was again the convenor for the raising of funds for Membership Day.

OTTAWA Presbyterial—The Annual Meeting of the Home Helpers Department of St. Giles Auxiliary, **Ottawa,** was held at the home of Dr. J. and Mrs. Logan-Vencta, with over 65 members and friends present. The President, Mrs. N. T. Allan, presided. The guest speaker was Mrs. F. Fee, who spoke on "The early churches in Ottawa, their History and development."

Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, President of Ottawa Presbyterial W.M.S., presided at one of the largest and most inspiring Sectional Meetings held in recent years in St. Andrew's Church, **Richmond.**

Mrs. T. A. O'Hara, wife of the minister, and President of Richmond Auxiliary, welcomed the guests.

Mrs. F. R. Duminy, Synodical Treasurer, and delegate to Council meeting in London, Ontario, in May, gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings there. The Presbyterial secretaries present, explained the duties of their offices.

Mrs. Burnett gave an address, "Why I belong to the W.M.S.". She advised the members to be sure they had something to give; accumulate knowledge of the work, and use their imaginations.

Mrs. John H. Campbell of **Vernon,** a W.M.S. member for 67 years, and Mrs. James Stewart of **Richmond,** a member for more than 50 years, were welcomed and spoke briefly.

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JUNE 30, 1953

Receipts:	
Special Offering, London Presbyterial "Record Player, Bhil Field"	$ 55.00
Miss E. Henderson, Toronto "Maternity Ward Jobat Hospital India"	50.00
A Friend, Saskatchewan	17.50
Wo-shi-lo Group, Grace Church, Calgary "Mrs. Gehman's Work"	10.00
Evening Hour Knox Church, Ripley, Ontario "Dr. Laubach's Work"	10.00
"Miss Beatrice Scott's Work"	20.00
Hamilton Evening Dept. Conference	153.40
A Friend in Memory of Mrs. J. B. Gass "Miss Ruth Buchanan's Work"	100.00
"Miss Irene Stringer's Work"	100.00
Famine Relief, India	5.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	3,986.63
Hospitalization Rates of Workers	55.10
Missionaries Salaries held in Canada on request	1,198.35
Pension rates received from workers	40.00
Interest on Bonds	450.00
Synodical Givings:	
Manitoba	1,565.79
Supplies	150.00
Toronto and Kingston	6,029.00
Supplies	461.35
Hamilton and London	8,085.23
Supplies	1,733.55
Montreal and Ottawa	2,500.00
Supplies	557.00
	$ 27,332.90
Disbursements:	
National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	1,312.28
Hospital Visitors	889.52
Deaconesses	542.49
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	470.79
Port Work	193.91
Van Expenses	783.75
New Missionaries	320.00
Student Deaconesses	310.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	423.40
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	191.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,198.06
Birtle, Government Grant	4,725.35
Overseas Missions:	
India: Jhansi	$ 3,407.52
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Taiwan	4,024.49
British Guiana	937.91
Koreans in Japan	325.00
Training of Nationals	185.00
New Missionaries	273.00
Missionaries' Expenses	84.78
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	467.40
Overseas Contingency	52.00
Publications	1,202.38
Administration	1,483.11
Organization	2,411.31
Supplies	933.62
Council Expenses	1,723.20
Christian Literature	250.00
Insurance and Taxes	348.27
Returned to Ewart Trust Fund	117.20
Famine Relief in India	286.00
Payments from Special Gifts	235.00
Student	275.00
Payments from 1952 Balance	7,975.38
Miscellaneous	189.13
Annuity rates Deposited in Pension Fund	772.51
	$ 49,762.50

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Pension Fund	
Transferred from 1952 on order of Council	5,000.00
Annuity rates from workers	772.51
Interest	460.83
Legacy Fund	
Bequest through Lucknow Auxiliary	200.00
"Equipment for Western Van"	25.00
Interest	815.03
Overseas Trust Fund	
Jhansi Field Balance to be held for 1954 Estimate	1,685.00
Interest	8.50
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	209.33
	$ 9,176.20

Disbursements:

Legacy Fund	
Van for Western Canada	$ 2,126.50
Delivery truck for Bhil Field, India	2,245.03
Fence, Medicine Hat Property	500.00
Equipment for Mrs. Gehman's work, India	75.00
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Equipment for Western Canada Van	106.97
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EDITORIAL

At the time of this writing, the Canadian General Elections are just over. Columnists' comments and reporters' statistics give forth the information that a very small percentage of those who have the privilege of exercising their franchise, have taken the trouble to do so. We quite realize that in writing for several months ahead, we are out of date and that by the time October rolls around we will all have quite forgotten that there was an election this summer.

But there is something that has caught our attention in these newspaper reports. It is the repeated statement that Canadians acted indifferently to a matter which should have been of vital interest to every individual. Even the financial page has a statement that Canadians are indifferent — this time to the development of the vast natural resources of our land . . . The subject of indifference has set us thinking as we look ahead to October and to the Thanksgiving Season on the calendar.

In this Thanksgiving month of October, our thoughts do turn to public demonstration of our thankfulness for the pleasant way of life which we Canadians have been allowed to evolve. But what does Thanksgiving really mean to us in Canada? Are we as indifferent in our acts of giving thanks to God for all His goodness as we are in fulfilling the duties of citizenship?

Do our Thankoffering meetings really serve as an observance of a special season of giving, or are they held primarily as a means of making money to bring us closer to making our allocation?

What is our attitude to our allocation? Are we thankful that we have one, or do we find it a burden?

These questions come floating to mind as a panoramic picture of our great land passes our minds eye. We see the wealth of forest, field and sea gathered into storehouses . . . We see great belching smokestacks indicating the transformation of material from the earth into foods and products that will make our lives more comfortable . . . We are glad we live in this land of plenty — but are we yet convinced that God, who has set our feet in pleasant places is calling us to turn His gifts into glorious tools of peace and love?

We often hear the statement: "Missions begin at home." It is a very true statement. We begin to be true missionaries when we allow our minds to absorb the meaning of Missions . . . When we let our hearts hear the voice of Jesus calling us to obedience and to love.

We can let ourselves be absorbed (in a very practical way) this fall if we co-operate with the Presbyterian Training Institute plan. When this magazine reaches your hands, the teams will have begun their travels. From historic City of Quebec where Canada's life began to the most westerly points of this wonderful country, men and women will be gathering to study and hear the story of the Mission of our Church. Are we thankful that as a Church we have the courage, the personnel, both lay and professional, to launch this, — one of the most ambitious plans of leadership training ever attempted by Canadians?

We have much for which to be thankful. — Perhaps the greatest blessing is that we still have the opportunity to work in The Church of Jesus Christ. We still can make this Canada truly great by giving it the most priceless gift of truly Christian citizenship. When that happens, the word "indifference" will fade from our vocabulary, for Canadian people will be alive and active, and eager to participate in every phase of Canadian life.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, creator of all things; the earth in which we live, the sun, the moon, the stars — the universe; eternal and divine Father of all peoples, help us to realize in some degree Thy Majesty, Thy power and Thy purity. We approach Thee in humility, finite, weak and sinful as we are, grateful that Thou, the all powerful, dost bend the loving eye and listening ear on us as we pray.

We have to confess many sins, sins against Thee, sins against our fellow men, sins against ourselves. Forgive us, we beseech Thee and send Thy Holy Spirit upon us that we may not continue in the same sins, day after day.

Thou hast kept the sun on his daily course, shining down life-giving heat upon the land; Thou has sent the reviving rain, till the harvests of this favoured land are bounteous indeed. There is enough and to spare for all. May we ever have thankful hearts for our many temporal blessings and out of our abundance may we remember — with action — our brothers and sisters in other lands suffering the pangs of undernourishment; even starvation. May we each one of us co-operate in all the efforts made for relief.

Above all would we pour out gratitude overflowing for Thy greatest gift of all — salvation from sin through our Lord Jesus Christ — and may we, from this day forth, be more whole hearted in the support of our Society, in its aim "The World for Christ."

In Jesus' name we ask it.

TIME OF DANGER

- and OF HOPE

by REVEREND E. H. JOHNSON

The world in which you and I have to live is even more dangerous than most of us think.

Cairo is almost directly southwest of Jerusalem but as you fly in a Jordan Airline plane from Jerusalem to Cairo you fly first due south and then at the tip of the Gulf of Akaba you turn due west. The reason is, that Jordan planes are not permitted to fly over the enemy territory of Israel. Crossing above the desert from Suez to Cairo you see the sand is churned by the criss-crossing wheel-treads of great military trucks and the tracks of tanks. For Egypt feels she has to have control of Suez to maintain her national self respect, and Britain cannot give up her mammoth supply bases there, nor can the western powers easily cede the control of this strategic waterway to a comparatively weak new nation.

On the flight from Karachi to Basrah you pass over the great oil refinery of Abadan in southern Iran. Its numerous chimneys and complicated mass of chemical retorts stretch along the river in a small area of date palms in the midst of an endless desolate plain. The strange thing is that this is a ghost town with its machinery all idle. It symbolizes the break between Britain and Iran and the strange contest between Mossadegh and the Shah.

India and Pakistan, the second and the fifth or sixth largest na-

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Mr. Johnson, at present Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement in the United States, wrote this article after a round-the-world-trip.

We are happy to be able to announce that Mr. Johnson has accepted the appointment of the General Assembly as Secretary for Overseas Missions. He will begin his duties here, October, 1954.

tions in the world, both need every resource they possess for national development, but each is spending from 50 to 75 per cent of its national budget in defence against the other. They are still contesting who is to have control of the province of Kashmir, and there is continual angry debate and many an incident with regard to who shall have the use for irrigation purposes of the water in rivers which pass through the territories of both nations. When you cross from Singapore into Johore in the Federated Malay States you are suddenly made aware of the problem of settled government in that land of 16 million people by the double barriers of barbed wire circling every village and the armored car patrols which pass you every few miles on the roads.

In the streets of the city of Djakarta swollen by thousands who have fled from the unsettled areas of rural Java you don't walk much after dark. For a strong, well-ordered government is still to be established by the handful of experienced men who are trying to bring peace to the great newly-independent nation of Indonesia.

The crowding refugees of Hongkong and Formosa who have fled from Communist China remind you vividly that the vast nation of China, which includes almost a quarter of the world's people, is still in the midst of a struggle for stable government.

Each one of these troubles represents a potential threat of conflict which could involve all the nations.

For the common people of the world this is a time of vast physical suffering. Millions still are hungry and have not sufficient food; they are sick and in pain and have no competent medical care; they are dispossessed and have no one to champion their cause! The refugees everywhere are pitiful reminders of the far more extensive suffering which is not so readily seen.

One does not travel far in the Arab countries surrounding Israel without seeing some of the 850,000 Arab refugees dispossessed of their lands and homes and businesses by the establishment of Israel. They live in tents and light huts and in the limestone caves which pock the Palestine hills. On a bare slope not far from the Dead Sea is one encampment of more than 30,000 of these people housed in mud huts, with a bare minimum of food and clothing but with no work and no future.

In the heart of booming Karachi, the capital of Pakistan, is a shallow mud valley where tens of thousands of the Moslem refugees from India have made themselves temporary shelters in low mat huts. By a winding river south of Bombay you see the other end of that tragedy in the row on endless row of temporary huts of Hindu refugees from Pakistan.

And so on around the world. Multitudes suffer and the nations are in turmoil and all of us are involved because we live in a time of interdependence.

The first reaction of many of us in the west to this kind of situation is a deep irritation. Why do these events break in to destroy our peace? Can't these peoples put their own houses in order? Why do we have to bother with their grief? Can't we just go about our own business and leave them to their fate?

But as we think more deeply and particularly as we face the world in the light of the question, "What is the meaning of these events in terms of God's redemptive purpose for all mankind?" We find a different reaction. How does God want us to relate ourselves to the sufferings of the peoples, and the turmoil of the nations?

If we are to live with effectiveness as God's people in these times we must accept this fact of trouble and unrest. There is no escape from the troubles which engulf the nations, nor should we wish to escape for this is the world in which God has placed us. Why should we not share in the unrest and revolutionary movements by which multitudes are escaping the tyrannies of the past?

We are those who believe that Jesus Christ is a living Lord, actively reigning now. The reign of heaven is at hand, that is, it is operative at this moment. Therefore our task is to discern the places where God is at work in these times and be sure that we are at work with Him.

Should we not expect to see Him at work in and through the Church which He has called out from every nation around the world, and lend our strength to the total work of that Church? And should we not be sharp to discern His purposes in the movements of revolution and independence by which men are seeking to throw off old oppressions and find an adequate living as free men in a free world?

Opportunity

Adown the busy street there falls a sound
Presaging something other than the round
Of common things, that make Life's melody.

With buoyant feet we rise to greet this Guest
Who beckons those to follow in the quest,
Whose eyes are clear with Hope's expectancy,
Who hears the call, he needs must to obey,
For well we know we dare not make delay
To catch the skirts of Opportunity.
She passes quickly by the door,
And poising, merely scans the threshold o'er
Ere vanishing she leaves an empty street.
Thou, O my Soul be watchful, rise and stand,
Lest haply thou shouldst miss her outstretched hand.

—Margaret M. Grieve, in Life and Work.

—Palmer

In the second and last of the "Rediscovering Canada' series by two overseas missionaries, MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, Reg.N., gives her impressions of Canada. Miss MacMurchy worked in Central Canada last winter and spring. She now is doing post graduate studies in nursing at the University of Western Ontario, London.

REDISCOVERING CANADA II

THE many phases of the universality of the Christian message has impressed me periodically as I have travelled twice through Ontario and the western part of Quebec in the last nine months. Time and again I have seen a similarity of interest and disinterest, encouragement and discouragement in places I have been, and in people with whom I have talked; a similarity that goes out beyond this country into the country where I have worked on a Mission field. It has been a worth-while experience that has sharpened my sympathy for those who work in the Church in Canada, an experience that has given me much inspiration for my return to India.

I have been asked to state some of my impressions of deputation work. In doing so, I am conscious not only of the fact that an outsider sometimes quickly analyzes certain situations, but also that an outsider can not have a full appreciation of all that produces certain situations. My comments will, I hope, be considered to be the result of interest in and concern for continuing progress in fulfilling our purpose — the World for Christ.

My foremost impression was, I think, that in our Society there is a great body of devout and committed women, along with a considerable number whose interest seems lukewarm. I thought that the older women were perhaps, more sacrificial in their giving than younger women. This may be due to the fact that their interest grows with age, and also that older women are often less busy than younger women. At any rate, it seems to be a common situation to find that a group of Senior women — possibly twelve or fifteen — contribute a much larger sum through their Auxiliary than a younger group of double the number. The question sometimes came to me: "How many give until it really hurts? Surely there could be a readjustment of allocations so that they would be more equitable.

It was a matter of amazement to learn of some of the ways in which Church people raise funds. We know that there is a place and a time for everything. Can it be that the Church is the place for sponsoring beauty products, fashion shows, fortune-telling? In a land like Canada, where the evident prosperity and abundance almost hurt a person who has been living in an area where poverty is widespread, it seems awful that God's people cannot support His work by a greater measure of straight voluntary giving. I do not want to be misunderstood in regard to this statement. There are places, I know, where talent money is obtained through certain projects. Should we not, however, use discrimination?

In some groups I was pleasantly surprised to hear of the amount of missionary work being done through the Welcome and Welfare, and Library Departments. There is great scope for this activity today, and if missionary work starts at our doorstep it will, I am sure, be more enthusiastic when it reaches beyond that point. There are so many lonely older people longing for visits and chats; so many patients in hospital whose general condition would improve a little through friendly calls; so many isolated folk who appreciate notes and letters and papers; so many people who would find great joy in occupying an empty seat in a car bound for Church, or for sightseeing.

The area of Church work that gives me greatest concern was the Young People's Department. I was told that there aren't the young people in homes today, so we can't expect to have as many as formerly in Sunday Schools and youth groups. But,, in even the smallest villages there are new or enlarged schools. I was also told that school activities absorb the time of many boys and girls, so that they cannot attend Church youth groups. Are we going to let the situation go at that? I have thought much about what can be done. In one town all Church organizations got together to consider seriously what they should do. The result is encouraging, with a thriving Young People's Society, and two girls' groups led by young married women who had little experience but are willing to contribute to the effort to remedy a disquieting condition. In another centre I sensed a lack of sympathy in the women's groups for the youth groups. I wonder what the result will be there?

More activity and understanding of their jobs by Literature Secretaries, appreciation of visits of members of Council Executive and of staff, general use of Glad Tidings even with the problem of limited subscription lists, autocracy very evident in some places, occasionally a complacent or smug attitude — a lagging behind in outreach in new ideas — these are among jumbled impressions that haven't yet been sorted out.

In the points I touched I felt that there was, on the whole, a deeper interest and sense of mission than on my last deputation tour. It was encouraging to have so much co-operation from the ministers, and to find that there was a much greater desire on their part to have a women missionary speak at a Church service. In contrast to this marked interest, there were the situations that were regrettable. Frustration, dissatisfaction, discouragement, resentment, disillusionment — one or all of these sometimes found among the men and women who are leaders in our Society and in our Church. At times I was near to tears to think that those laboring hard for the advance of the Kingdom have not found the antidote for unrest of soul and spirit. Can it be that we are so busy "working" and "laboring" that we have missed the essential element in service for God? It may be that we who are members of the Women's Missionary Society have as big a job as we've ever had in searching our own hearts, and leading others to search theirs, so that we may come to the place where our Church in all its branches will be a witness at home and abroad to the *fullness* that is to be found in Christ.

My last comment is that I appreciated the planned itinery for deputation work. It lessens the fatigue of the traveller, and permits of a wider contact. There is deep appreciation on my part of all the kindness and hospitality that added to the enjoyment of my work since last September.

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God's Holy Word

For All The World

by REV. A. H. O'NEIL, M.A., B.D.

THE story of Mary Jones, a young Welsh girl who saved for six years and walked twenty-five miles to buy a Bible, caught the interest of a group of men in England and Wales. When it was proposed to found a Society to make the Scriptures available in the language of Mary Jones, Rev. Thomas Hughes remarked, "If for Wales, why not for the Empire and the World?" His words remained in the minds of the little group which met at intervals during the months which followed. Finally on March 7th, 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded 'to encourage a wider circulation of the Scriptures without note or comment'.

At the beginning of the 19th century some portion of the Scriptures had been printed in 72 languages, but even in those countries where the complete Bible had been published in the language of the people there was a famine of the Word of God.

Within a few years the newly formed Society had agents in almost every country of Europe and had made possible the publication of low-priced editions of the Scriptures in most European languages. Missionaries already at work in Asia or Africa were relieved of the burden of financing the publication of the Scriptures they translated to win new converts and confirm the faith of those they had led to Christ. Colportage was first used as a method of distributing the Bible in the early 1830's. It proved

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Dr. O'Neil is General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada. He has written this article at our invitation. We may here read the background of The Bible Society and what it is doing today to spread the Gospel in all the world.

Our W.M.S. gives an annual grant to the Bible Society.

such an effective means of evangelism that colporteurs were appointed in every country where the Bible Society was at work. There is hardly an annual report which does not tell at least one story of how a Gospel or New Testament, purchaser from a Colporteur, turned the hearts of a family or a whole community to Christ.

Today the British and Foreign Bible Society is at work in almost ninety countries. With the exception of South Africa the Dominions now have their own national organizations which assist the Parent Society in its world-wide work, as well as caring for their own needs. Throughout most of Africa, in the British West Indies, in the colonies and mandated territories of the Pacific the British and Foreign Bible Society has sole responsibility for Bible Society work.

The Translation Department in London is currently working in over 200 languages. The British and Foreign Bible Society has now published and distributed Scriptures in 818 languages out of the world total of 1,059. Since 1804 more than 605,000,000 volumes of Scripture have been distributed — approximately 10,000 a day for one hundred and fifty years.

Canadian churches have contributed to the great army of missionary translators whose work has been published by the Bible Society. John Geddie, first overseas missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian church, reduced the language of Aneityum to writing, and was largely responsible for the translation of the Bible into that language. One of the most thrilling stories in Bible Society annals of recent years in the tale of how the manuscript for the new Korean Bible, in a script the common people can understand, was preserved through the dangers of the fall of Seoul. That Bible has now been published. It is a direct desendant of the first Korean Bible, published in 1911, of which the Canadian Presbyterian missionary, Rev. James Gale, was one of the main translators. A recent new translation of special interest to Canadian Presbyterians is the Gospel of Saint Matthew in Bunnun for a tribe in Formosa. This Gospel was published jointly by the British and Foreign Bible Society and the National Bible Society of Scotland.

Canada benefited from the laours of the Bible Society shortly after its foundation in 1804. The first missionary translation published by the Society was the Gospel of Saint John in Mohawk and English for the Indians on the reservation near Brantford, Ontario. The early lists of grants include shipment after shipment of Gaelic and English Scriptures for settlers in the seaboard colonies and the Canadas.

It was not long, however, before the North American colonies began to give to Bible Society work. An Auxiliary was formed in Newfoundland in 1812. Others in Quebec, Nova Scotia, Upper Canada and New Brunswick followed in the next few years. Today there are sixteen Auxiliaries in this country. Together they constitute the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada, a national organization having been formed in 1904. To meet the Scripture needs of our own people is only one of the Society's responsibilities. Its auxiliaries also give some $300,000.00 a year to world-wide Bible Society work.

Here in Canada the Society undertakes various special services in addition to the regular work of the Bible Houses and the District Secretaries. Every New Canadian who will accept one is welcomed on his arrival in this country by the gift of a Scripture portion in his own language, usually a Gospel printed in diglot form with English. A pocket New Testament is presented to every Protestant man and woman entering the armed services. Bibles are placed in cadet camps and on training ships. Plans have just been completed for the presentation of a Bible to every Grade VII child who does not have a Bible and cannot obtain one. In co-operation with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Braille Scriptures and Talking Book Records of the Bible are made available to the Blind at a fraction of their cost. Colporteurs take the Scriptures to remote areas, where their visits help to keep Christian faith alive in communities far from any organized congregation. While there has been no new publication for Canadian Indians for several years work for the Eskimos continues. Only this year London issued the revised Labrador Eskimo New Testament. There is scarcely a year in which the Scriptures are not distributed in over 60 languages in this Canada of ours. Since it was formed in 1904 the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada has distributed almost 12,000,000 volumes of God's Word in over 100 languages in this country.

We have spoken of the achievements of the past, for to give thanks for those achievements and to make them more widely known is one of the aims of the 150th anniversary celebrations. But we also look upon the Jubilee as a challenge to go forward. Every Canadian Auxiliary is trying to meet that challenge by raising a special Jubilee fund, which will ensure that the most urgent needs of the next few years can be met. These needs are so many, and the funds which come in annually are so inadequate to meet them. First Gospels must be printed for tribes which have no portion of the Word of God in their own language; the complete New Testament must be published for those who have only a Gospel; strong young churches which have only the New Testament and Psalms are calling for the whole Bible; revision must be undertaken in areas where the language has changed and where pioneer missionary translators had no trained Christian nationals to help them. Special large type gospels must be printed for new literates; new plates must be made for printing Braille Scriptures for Asia and Africa in the new uniform Braille worked out by UNESCO conferences; English Scriptures must be published in up-to-date format; new Bible Houses must be built that the Scriptures may be distributed more effectively and new Auxiliaries have centres through which to work. It is the policy of the Society to charge something for its issues, but more editions are sold far below cost price and many volumes are given away when a missionary or minister certifies that an individual or family cannot pay

The missionary work of all the Protestant churches, both overseas and among the multi-lingual population of Canada, would be practically non-existant if the Bible Society were not providing the Holy Scriptures.

The Jubilee Celebration has a third aim. The men who founded the Bible Society wanted to give the Bible to the world because they regarded God's Holy Word as a priceless treasure in which all men should share. Somehow many of us have seemed to undervalue that treasure in recent years. Even although we may have read it regularly ourselves, we have not proclaimed openly that a knowledge of the Bible is basic to all missionary and evangelistic work and to the maintaining of Christian principles in personal and national life. To remind us of our debt to the Bible and our need of it, the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada, along with sister Bible Societies, has issued a Jubilee Recall to the Bible.

We hope that every reader of *"Glad Tidings"* will keep in touch with the Bible Society District Secretary for her area, so that she may know how her W.M.S. Auxiliary can share in the local celebration of the Bible Society's Jubilee.

A FINANCIAL NOTE

With two thirds of the year gone, the Treasurer's department announces that total receipts from Synodicals is $91,934.81. The allocation for 1953 is $237,000.00. A little more than one third — a little less than one half the total amount has come in eight months.

OVERSEAS NEWS FLASHES

Evening Department and a Camp in Japan

Members of the Evening Department of the three Eastern Synodicals will be interested to know what was done with the $150 offering which they remitted to the Treasurer from the Conference held in Hamilton in May. The money was sent to Rev. Wenchi Kim, Korean pastor in Japan, to enable him and his associates to conduct a young people's camp.

Some of you will remember that Wenchi Kim was a student at Knox College for two years. Others will remember the splendid contribution he made to the life of the Church while serving in mission fields in the West. We quote from Wenchi Kim's letter of thanks for the money. You will notice that his English is somewhat unique, but we wish we could do half as well in Korean.

"Thank you for your kindness to our young people. It was a wonderful camp. We never had like that many numbers of camp members. We had sixty young people". Wenchi goes on to say that half of that number could not have attended had it not been for the money sent from here. He wrote "Many of them said they must make the most of the time and money because of the thoughtfulness of Canadian friends". The main theme of the camp was "Problems of Young Christians in this Tension Age". They had Bible study and discussion devotions, recreation. We are sure that our hearts go out in thanksgiving that we have been able to make such a camp possible for Korean young people.

Miss Dorothy Douglas

Miss Dorothy Douglas is now on the Pacific on her way to Taiwan. She will return to wider duties than she had before. During her next term Miss Douglas hopes to visit many of the former pupils of the School and to do a thorough follow up of the present students who will be graduating during the next few years.

Designations for Overseas Service

Two of our recently appointed missionaries, Miss Joan Rochemont, B.A., and Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., will be designated to overseas service, Miss Rochemont in Montreal September 15th and Miss Gollan in Kingston September 16th. They leave the end of the month for England where they will attend Selly Oak College in further preparation for their work overseas.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

Miss Margaret Kennedy, who arrived from England the first of September, will be very busy this autumn as a member of one of the Institute teams. Miss Kennedy attended an ecumenical conference at Bossey, Switzerland, in April. She is full of her experiences there and her time in the Holy Land. These wider contacts have given Miss Kennedy a maturity of thought which we are sure will be felt by all with whom she comes in contact.

Success in Examinations

Miss Margaret MacKenzie passed her first year's language examination successfully with high marks.

Mrs. L. W. Gehman, who has done her Tamil language as a side issue, passed her examinations successfully.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who did six weeks this summer in Spanish and English at University of Western Ontario, London (one of the requirements for her degree course upon which she has entered now) passed her examinations successfully.

We offer our hearty congratulations to these three members of our staff.

Margaret and Carol

Miss Margaret Lim and Miss Carol Chiam, our two young Taiwanese students, passed their examinations. Carol spent the summer in camps in the West and Margaret at camps in the East. Both young women have merited beyond all doubt our confidence in bringing them to Canada for special training.

L.K.P.

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N.B. Miss Hermanson will return to Canada on furlough in December ,1953; her mailing address will be room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto.

STRENGTHENING -

"The Bond of Friendship"

MARGARET WEBSTER, Director of Organization, writes the story of camping days of three Formosan students.

— A group of 80 juniors singing "Jesus loves me in Mandarin, and later a cabin of 8 of them being lulled to sleep as their cabin leader hums an Oriental lullaby,

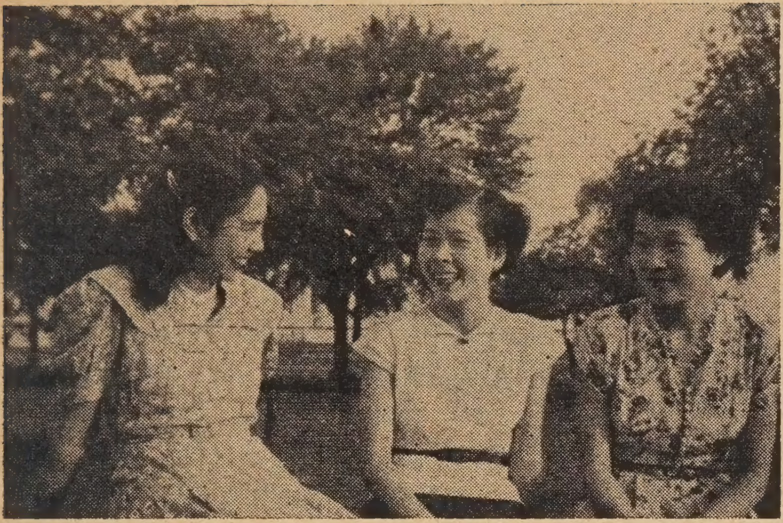
— Fifty-seven teen-age girls who have played Formosan games and heard tales of fun and mischief in the Tamsui Girls' High School gathering to bid farewell (and trying hard to keep back tears) to one of its graduates, one of their favourite camp leaders,

— Senior girls, gathered in their provincial C.G.I.T. Camp Council, listening intently to the story of a growing Church in a troubled land, and then bowing silently and reverently as their new friend prays that peace and love and understanding may come to her people —

These are scenes which happened in Canada this summer because Margaret Lin, Carol Chiam, and Leone Su went to camp.

Margaret, Carol and Leone are all graduates of the Tamsui Girls' High School in Tamsui, Formosa. At present they are studying in Canada — Margaret at the Toronto Conservatory of Music (where she is completing her work toward her A.R.C.T.), and Carol and Leone at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School. During the summer of 1953 they were employed by our Women's Missionary Society to present missionary programmes at camps.

Carol visited camps in Western Canada — Robert's Creek in British Columbia, Camp Kannawin at Sylvan Lake in Alberta, the Alberta Young People's Summer School in Medicine Hat, and the Saskatchewan Summer School in Saskatoon. She also spent some time at Kintail in Ontario. Margaret stayed in the Province of Ontario — working at Peace Memorial Camp at Lancaster, Glen Mohr and Kintail. Leone worked at several camps at Glen Mohr and represented the Presbyterian Church as a leader at three interdenominational C.G.I.T. Camps — Ontario Camp Council, Quebec



Carol, Leone and Margaret went to camp.

Senior C.G.I.T. Camp and the Toronto Senior Camp.

"She has made a very great contribution to our camp," a camp director said of one of the girls. "Her presence alone would have meant a great deal in creating better understanding and appreciation of the Formosan people, but her leadership throughout the camp helped to develop a sympathetic interest in the work of the Church in Formosa and the East as a whole."

The girls too enjoyed the experience, though they were often weary from the long and strenuous hours. One of them wrote: "I really enjoyed my first camp. I was the cabin leader of thirteen girls who were really very dear to me. I was song leader for camp, and besides my Mission Study I taught one of the handicrafts every day. I also played the organ for church service . . . I was in charge of international night both evening programme and vespers. The girls learned two Formosan games and several hymns . . . I really have to thank you about my summer work. It will be so much for me to remember and will be my best memory in my life."

We are grateful to these young women who, during the past summer, have had an influence on the lives of so many of our children, girls and young people and have strengthened the bond of fellowship between our Church in Canada and the Church in Formosa.

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Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

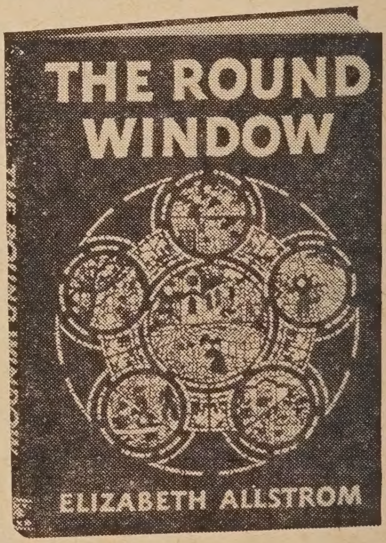
That Her Friends Might See

In the year 1953 there lived in a most favoured land, where people were free to worship as they chose, a wise and kindly woman. This woman loved and cared about her homeland and her fellow countrymen. She also cared about th people who lived in the other countries of the world. She knew, because she had read and travelled a great deal, that there were many in the world, even in her homeland, who lived in constant fear — fear of many things, of hunger, of loneliness, of death. She knew that the only answer to their fears was faith in Him who came that "they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly". *She* was concerned — but there seemed to be so few who realized the urgency of the world's need.

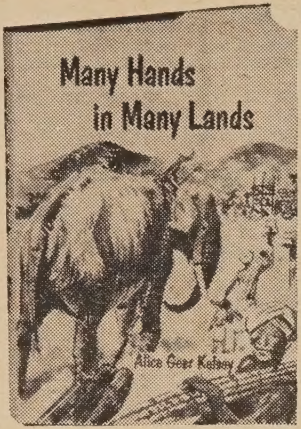
If only, this wise woman thought, she could take the children, and the young people, and the adults that she knew on a trip with her around the world that they might see that in this troubled world it was only those who had faith in Him that were "people without fear". It was so necessary that the children and young people see — for in them lay hope! The actual trip was an impossible dream—but surely there must be a way.

As she continued to think about her dream there came to her some words she had heard long ago — "There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away." Of course! there must be books in which her friends, young and old, might travel and see, and learn to understand. She began to seek and, because, "she that seeketh, findeth," she found the very frigates she needed and great was her joy!

To take the small folk she found a ship with a beautiful *Round Window* through which, as they travelled, they might see the children of the world, how they lived and worked and played together, and learned of Jesus and His love.



For her junior friends *Many Hands in Many Lands* was ready to carry them away to exciting adventures with new friends whose busy hands of varying talents work "together with God" around the world. A magic ship was found for the teen-agers to give them vision to see



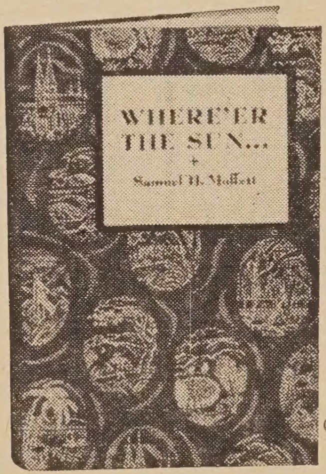
THE church WE CANNOT SEE
by NELLE MORTON

The Church We Cannot See, the real Church which is "more than a building or meeting or a service"—the real Church of people who are trying, through work and worship, to follow Christ.

Grown-ups must travel too. For them she chose a ship which would follow the path of the sun, that on it they might learn that in truth, Jesus does reign *Where'ere The Sun.*

All these books she found had been printed by Friendship Press and guides for the journey for all ages prepared by her own denomination's secretaries. Now she had ships for everyone that they might set out on a "voyage of discovery", a voyage on which they could discover the triumphs of faith. A voyage upon which they would see the difference Christ does make and find too the many sad and hopeless ones who have yet to know of Him. She hoped it would be a voyage during which they would resolve to more earnestly do their share in helping to make Him known.

This wise woman determined that she would see that all her friends had the opportunity of making this voyage. May all the women of our Women's Missionary Society be as wise as she.



Mrs. Gregg Accepts a Challenge

Mrs. Gregg's challenge is one for all Auxiliary members.

by HELEN E. BRICKER

MRS. McMaster gave a stirring challenge to the Presbyterial. She'd been disturbed for some time about the report that faced her on the girls' work picture. When she got to the synodical she found her fears were underlined by what the Synodical secretary had to say on children's and girls' work and the responsibility she'd laid on the Women's Missionary Society's Auxiliary. Mrs. McMaster came back all stirred up and she "let the Presbyterial have it", complete with practical suggestions about what could be done.

Mrs. Jones rushed right up after the meeting. "I enjoyed your message very much, Mrs. McMaster. It's just what we need to hear. As I said to Mrs. White we just can't hear too much of that sort of thing".

Mrs. McMaster made a mental note — (now she's secretary of the Hilltop Auxiliary where there's no girls' work and there are girls. Maybe this means something will happen.) "Thank you very much Mrs. Jones and let me know what I can do. I'll be glad to come out and help. Just let me know".

The other ladies were very kind. Mrs. McMaster had been a little afraid they might resent the responsibility she'd laid on them — but they didn't. She went home with high hopes. They would go back home and try at least one of her suggestions.

She was still hopeful some weeks later, but her hopes began to sag a little when the months went by. At least she did hear good news from Mrs. Gregg but oh if there had only been more letters!

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Mrs. Jones had very high resolves. She talked on the phone the next morning to the President of their Auxiliary. They had a grand chat about the Presbyterial meeting. But after she had hung up, she remembered she hadn't spoken to the President about a real effort to start a girls' group. Well, she thought, I'll be sure to speak of it to her later — and I'll speak of it in reporting to our Auxiliary.

There were no funeral crepes in evidence, but there ought to have been — it was really the death of a perfectly noble intention. It was only a hastily-revived corpse when it reappeared in the report, so it got what it deserved — a burying.

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Mrs. Gregg went home feeling sure there weren't enough teenage girls or just under teens in her congregation to put into a girls' group or into an Explorer group. Her own daughter was too young yet and they did have a Mission Band. When her daughter got older, now —

But one couldn't quite dismiss it that way. On the way home in the bus she began to count up the girls who might be in a C.G.I.T. group. She counted five. But Mrs. McMaster had said that even for four girls a C.G.I.T. group could be very worth while. If it were good it would grow. Perhaps they weren't the right age — wouldn't be interested anyway —

It nagged at her. But it was the business of the session and the minister to start these midweek group wasn't it?

It cropped up again as they neared Westhaven. The session and the minister had many other things to worry about, and twelve year old girls probably didn't feature too largely in their planning for Westhaven Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Gregg had an uneasy suspicion that if *one* didn't start the ball rolling, the twelve-year and thirteen-year-olds she had in mind would be the Forgotten People.

Well, what did Mrs. McMaster say you could do first? She said perhaps you could get another member of the executive of the Women's Missionary Society and

"Mrs. Gregg proudly reported."

—M.E.W.

go and see the minister about the whole thing. Well, she could do that much anyway. Mrs. McMaster had suggested the very best thing that could happen in each congregation would be the formation of a Christian Education Committee to see about all the children and youth work. Perhaps that was her duty alright — she'd phone the president as soon as she got home.

Some months later Mrs. Gregg proudly stood up in the Auxiliary meeting. "It gives me a great deal of pleasure, ladies, to report, as one of your two representatives on our new Christian Education Committee in this congregation, that a C.G.I.T. group has been formed and has now had three weeks of meetings, with its membership up to seven from the original five. Their leader came to report to our committee meeting and stated that they are planning to put on a Christmas Vesper Service for the Sunday evening before Christmas, then in January they will begin to work at their Mission Study.

"Now ladies, this is where you and I individually and as group members can lend a hand to make this new group a great success.

"First — I want to suggest that each one of us attend that vesper service and also give our contribution to the furthering of the C.G.I.T. movement. Just for fun I want you to put up your hands and promise to attend. How many of you will do so?"

Quite a number of the ladies held their hands up immediately, and gradually the others saw what the point of their support would be for the girls. Finally all the hands went up.

"Thank you ladies — and we'll remind you again at the next meeting. I'd even like to suggest that if any of you feel moved to invite these girls to a cup of cocoa and cookies after their vesper service, I think it would be a lovely gesture from us".

Mrs. Williams popped up and said what she'd been thinking. "These are the future young women of our Women's Missionary Society Auxiliaries," she said. "They will also affiliate with us after their Mission Study this year which will make them junior affiliated members of the Women's Missionary Society family. Their attitude to being active members later in life, may be very much decided by what interest we show them right now. I would be very glad to donate the cocoa for a snack after their vesper service, if the rest of the ladies will come. We would have an hour of carol singing all together."

The ladies talked it over and finally it was decided that such an event would be a grand thing. They even went one step further and decided to invite all the girls from the junior class of 10-12 year olds in Sunday School as well, in the hope that they would all attend the vesper service and be inspired with interest in C.G.I.T. There would also be a better balance of young girls and ladies.

Mrs. Gregg was pleased as punch. "I'll write them all out special invitations," she said. "Now about the Mission Study, I would like to move that we purchase the Mission Study kit for the leader". That motion was quickly seconded.

"We have a good many plans in the Christian Education Committee and I'll be calling on your help like this from time to time," said Mrs. Gregg. "We are going to try to get an Explorer group started and are looking for a leader. We believe that we ought to begin two small branches of the Mission Band in homes in the suburban areas of the city. These will be for the children who can't get downtown to the church hall. We will need a home in which to meet in the Leahill area, and also one in the Eastdale area. If any of you would volunteer your home we'd be thrilled. Would you just let me know. We are looking forward to trying to raise some money to help send some young people to camp if they cannot afford it".

"I have two more matters to be discussed. The first is the suggestion that we hold a W.M.S. family night in the spring at which each auxiliary and each affiliated group right down to the Mission Band contribute part of the program. We will need to ask our secretary to write to the secretaries of the other groups and ask them to name one representative for a planning committee for the evening".

The idea was enthusiastically received.

"And last, but not least, I would like us to hold a story telling festival immediately after the C.G.I.T. girls complete their Mission Study. It will be an evening affair and we will invite each girl to participate by telling a missionary story. Together with the C.G.I.T. girls, we will select by ballot the story-teller to represent the group at a Presbyterial Story-Telling Festival about a month later. I would like us to make a good evening of it and would suggest that their affiliation service with the W.M.S. also be held that evening. We could make a presentation to the girls for their whole group, rather than award a prize. I have a few ideas about suitable things we could contribute . . . for instance, a framed picture for their centre of worship, or little curtains or a screen for their room . . . if you ladies are in agreement. Perhaps we need a committee to look into possible plans and make arrangements for a story-telling festival."

Mrs. Williams again got to her feet. "I'll be glad to move that we name a committee to do this. I've felt for a long time that there is absolutely no relationship between us and all these younger people we want to be interested in missions. I feel it has to be a personal relationship and I'm thrilled with all these new suggestions.

—Palmer

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kamloops — Nov. 9-13
Kootenay — Nov. 2-6
Victoria — Nov. 16-20
Westminster — Nov. 23-Dec. 4

ALBERTA

Calgary — Oct. 19-23
Edmonton — Oct. 5-8
Macleod — Oct. 26-30
Peace River — Sept. 28-Oct. 2
Red Deer — Oct. 13-16

Missionary — Miss Hazel Reaveley on furlough from Jhansi, India.

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:OLUMBIA ALBERTA TEAMS

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Girls' Work — Mrs. Laurie Sutherland. Graduate Deaconess, now of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

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Adult Work — Miss Margaret MacNaughton, B.A. Regional Secretary, Manitoba.

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Superior — Nov. 16-20
Winnipeg — Nov. 5-6, 9-13

WESTERN ONTARIO

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Children's Work — Miss Anne MacEachern Regional Secretary Hamilton-London Synodical.

Missionary — Miss Edith Magee, B.A. on furlough from Jhansi, India.

Adult Work—Miss Louise Reith, M.A.

Miss Mary Whale, B.A., alternately.

Bruce	Sept. 28-Oct. 2
Chatham	Nov. 9-13
Hamilton	Early in 1954
Huron	Oct. 13-16
London	Nov. 16-20
Maitland	Oct. 19-23
Niagara Falls	Early in 1954
Paris	Nov. 23-27
Sarnia	Nov. 2-6
Stratford	Oct. 26-30

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EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Algoma	Dec. 2
Barrie	Nov. 30-Dec 4
Guelph	Early in 1954
Kingston	Nov. 9-13
Lindsay	Nov. 23-27
North Bay	Nov.
Orangeville	Nov. 30-Dec. 4
Peterborough	Nov. 16-20
Saugeen	Oct. 5-8
Temiskaming	Nov. 23-25, 27
Toronto East	Early in 1954
Toronto West	Early in 1954

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Missionary — Miss Laura K. Pelton, Miss Frieda E. Matthews, alternately.

Adult Work — Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, Ontario and Quebec.

Girls' Work — Miss Helen Bricker, National Girls' Work Secretary.

NOTE: A lay person will work with each team. The lay person will be responsible for the area of work not listed.

—Palmer

ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS

MISS Elizabeth Moodie, who has served as Associate Secretary for Children's Work, recently announced her decision to return to the school-teaching profession.

Miss Moodie, whose home is in New Westminster, British Columbia, and who had taught school there, came on the national staff in August, 1950. Since that time, she has contributed to the leadership of children's work in our Church through the preparation of mission study and other materials chiefly for use in the primary department and through field work in many parts of Canada.

On the first of September she will become a member of the elementary school staff in Vancouver. Many throughout the Society will join in expressing sincere thanks for her contribution and good wishes in her future undertakings.

MISS GRACE MACKAY, Presbyterian Regional Secretary in British Columbia, was given a presentation recently by the senior auxiliary of Central Church, Vancouver, of a Life Membership certificate and pin.

MISS MARGARET MACNAUGHTON, Presbyterian Regional Secretary in Manitoba, will spend the months of August and September in Europe. During this time she will attend the Presbyterian World Youth Conference being held in the Netherlands from August 17 - 29 as a representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

—Ewing Galloway

A PEAK AT THE FUTURE

by HELEN E. BRICKER

PLAID skirts swishing, Judy and and Ann were trudging down the street. They looked like common-ordinary, run-of-the-High-School teenagers. As Mrs. Wilson hustled past them with her arms full of groceries she thought, "Oh, to be seventeen again — no problems, no worries, not a serious thought in your head."

That's just where all the world and Mrs. Wilson, were wrong. These were High School seniors — and they always have problems and worries. Judy and Ann had a very serious thought in their heads today. They were two minds — with but a single thought.

It all began when their favourite teacher Mr. Williams brought up in English class the idea that they have their next debate in careers. "Remember" he said, "this is your last fall term in High School and," said he, "what are you planning to do next fall?"

Jumpin' jiminy! what a thought!

"What should be your reasons for choosing a special job, or career?" Mr. Williams asked. "Is the most important thing to do what you like to do and are good at? Or is it an important consideration how much money you'll make? I'll leave you to think these things over, infants." He grinned as he strode out.

"He's always doing things like that," said Judy, "getting you steamed up about something."

"He sure gets us to think, anyway. I guess we've got to think about it. It's not so long 'till graduation."

The leaves under their feet made merry scrunching noises. But there was nothing merry about the thoughts rolling around in their two brown heads.

"I think the money you make definitely has to be considered," Judy broke the silence. "I want to be able to buy nice clothes and new records, and I'd like to do thinks like take tap-dancing lessons. We've never been able to afford it."

"But don't you think there are many jobs that are pretty well paid these days. So that's not really the most important consideration."

"Well, I know one for whom it's an important consideration. My people can't afford to send me in for training, and what can you do without extra training?"

They both thought about that one for awhile. Ann suddenly had an idea. You could be a nurse — that doesn't cost anything. And remember how well you did in that St. John's Ambulance Course last year.'

"But I couldn't be making any money for three years. How'll I buy nice clothes?"

"You could work week-ends and next summer, and have some clothes by fall."

"It's a thought alright. Say what are you going to do?"

"I'd always wanted to go to college I thought. But I would have to earn my way through."

"That would make life tough, alright," sympathized Judy. "Well, see you at C.G.I.T. at 7:30. Let's ask Skipper about it."

Ann walked home and around to the kitchen door. Her mother was baking cookies.

"Mum, why did you choose to be a teacher?"

"Just a minute dear. I'll take this batch of cookies out of the oven." Then Mum perched herself on the kitchen stool.

"One of the most important things, I think dear, is to decide whether you want to do something of special service and benefit to other people. That was why I decided to be a teacher. I've never regretted it. It certainly has helped with my family."

"I don't think I want to teach, Mum. What other things are of special service to others?"

"Well to mention just the things that pop into my mind immediately there's nursing and all its different branches. And there social service work, with many different kinds of positions. And of course teaching can have many branches, like teaching handicapped children and so on. If you do secretarial work there is always need for secretaries in hospitals and social service centres and in Church work. By the way there are all kinds of positions connected with the Church.

Ann brightened up. "That's an idea. I've loved our C.G.I.T. and being the assistant in the nursery department. But the training would be expensive, I bet."

"You ask Mrs. Adams this evening, dear. Now can I borrow one of your hands, complete with arm, for about fifteen minutes? The reward will be two cookies."

"Sold – to the highest bidder – one hand and arm." Ann leaped off the stool.

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Ann went early to C.G.I.T. and found Mrs. Adams arranging the room.

"Can I help, Skipper?"

"You certainly can. I need the chairs cleared away, Ann."

"You worked in the Church before you were married, Skipper?"

"Yes, I was a deaconness and loved it, Ann."

"What kinds of work are there in the Church, anyway?"

"That's a tough one, Ann. There are so many kinds. Let's talk about it tonight with the whole group."

"There's just one thing I'd like to know, Skipper. What happens if you don't have enough money to take the training?"

"I'm sure there are many things that can be done about that, if anyone is really interested. But you know, I have always thought it's a wonderful idea for a girl to work for a year after school and try to do many different kinds of work in her own Church. That would always help her make the decision."

Just then, in flew Nancy and June, waving their completed baby sweaters. "Look what we've finished for our mission parcel!"

The meeting had begun.

A whole new plan had begun for Ann too, and a thrilling adventure.

O, see that ye build securely,
When the time for building comes;
With square-hewn blocks of Righteousness,
And corner-stones of Faithfulness,
And girders strong of Righted Wrongs,
And the blood of our Martydoms!

John Oxenham.

THANKSGIVING WRINKLES

by MRS. G. L. WALLACE

PETER was very proud because he had something none of his friends had. Some of them had grandmothers but he didn't know anyone with a great grandmother. She was very old, much older than grandma, and she had white, white hair.

"Why have you so many wrinkles, great grandma?" asked Peter. He was tracing one of the wrinkles with his finger as he sat on the arm of her comfortable chair. "Is it because you are so old?"

"Yes, Peter dear, it is because I have lived a long, long time. My face is like a book. It tells what kind thoughts I have had and how much loving I have done".

"You must have thought much nicer thoughts than Mrs. Jackson who lives across the street from us. She has lots and lots of wrinkles too, but her wrinkles make her look cross. Your wrinkles are laugh wrinkles".

"That is because I have so much to be happy about".

"Were you happy all the time when you were little like me".

"When I was six years old I was a very unhappy little girl, for I had no one to love me."

"No one to love you, great grandma?" Peter asked and his eyes opened wide. He tried to think what it would be like to have no one to love him, but he couldn't because there were so many to love him – his two sisters, his daddy and mother, grandpa and grandmas and great grandma and Uncle Jim and ever so many more.

"Didn't you have a mother and daddy?"

"Yes, I did but they died when I was very little, much younger than you are and then there was no one who belonged to me. All my grandparents and uncles and aunts were far away in Scotland and had no money to send for me so there was no place for me to go.

"Who looked after you, great-grandma?"

"I was put in a very big house with some other boys and girls who had no place to go either. They called it an orphanage."

"Was there a mother there."

"There wasn't a mother but there was a woman who looked after us. She was very busy and didn't take time to love us much. No one read me a story, or comforted me when I was hurt, or kissed me good-night. When I was in bed at night I used to creep down under the quilts to cry so no one could hear me."

Peter's eyes filled with tears. He tried to think of such an old lady as a little girl and so unhappy.

She hugged Peter close and went on. "I didn't stay unhappy though. One day a different woman came to look after us and the other one went away. She had kind eyes and was always smiling. She would smooth my hair or pat my shoulder when I was near her and you can just guess I was near her as often as I could. I was so afraid that she might go away and leave me that one day she found me crying. She held me tight in her arms and told me I must never be sad or frightened again. She said I did'nt even need to feel lonely any more."

"Did you always stay close to her so you wouldn't be lonely, great-grandma?"

"No, Peter. I didn't have to. You see, she told me that God was my friend and that He never left me alone. I found out I could talk to Him anytime I wanted to. She said that I always had someone to love me because God loved me much more than even she did. Even if she had to go away, God would always be with me. She told me too, that if I wanted to be happy I must love everyone with all my might and do everything I could to make them happy. That was what God wanted me to do."

"And did you love everybody?" asked Peter as he patted her thin gentle hand.

"Sometimes I forgot and then I asked God to forgive me, but I did try, dear, and I found that the more people I loved, the more people loved me. The more people I tried to make happy the happier I grew. I learned to know God too as I tried to do what He wanted me to do. I found out how much He loved me and cared for me."

"I love you great grandma" said Peter as he laid his head against her shoulder while she stroked his dark hair.

"My wrinkles I guess are thanksgiving wrinkles," great grandma continued smiling, "because I have had so many happy things to think about. I say 'thank you' in my heart to God all the day long for all the love that has come to me ever since I was a little girl. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day when many many people are going to God's house to say 'thank you' to Him. Would you like to go with me?"

"Oh, I would greatgrandma, I have lots and lots of things to say 'thank you' for."

In the morning a little boy of six walked slowly down the street beside the old, old lady who leaned on her cane and had to stop and rest sometimes. The church bells were ringing to call everyone to praise God for His goodness.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial — The Presbyterian Girls on Vancouver Island enjoyed a delightful ten-day camp at **Glinz Lake,** under the direction of Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary for British Columbia. Others on the Staff included Miss Margaret McKay of **Vancouver;** Miss R. Maxwell of **New Westminster;** Miss Betty McGlashan of **Vancouver;** Miss Gertrude Scott, **Victoria;** Miss Olive Butterfield, **Victoria;** Mrs. Gaines Cameron, **Victoria;** Mrs. G. Young, **Nanai-**

Allister spoke briefly on the work of the Camp and outlined its importance in the life and work of our Church. He also expressed his appreciation to the leaders for the fine work they were doing. Mr. McAllister felt, too, that the success of the Camp was due, in large measure to the fine spirit of cooperation from the Y.M.C.A.

There are such happy times at camp that words could in no way express and we believe that our 1953 camp will leave an impression on each girl that will help her to become that 'Girl that God would have her be'.

We were happy to have sharing in

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Swift Current,** held a supper meeting in the Church hall when plans for the summer's activities were laid. Miss Evelyn Murdoch, Moose Jaw Presbyterial's delegate to Council, gave an interesting and informative report. Members of the Swift Current Auxiliary conducted four Sunday services while the minister of the church was on holidays. Miss Evelyn Murdoch reported on the Council meetings she had attended in London, Ontario. Miss Ruby Hahn, representing the C.G.I.T. gave the children's story and the second red stars were presented to the Explorer's group. Other messages were given by Miss Joyce Porter, Mrs. Short, Mrs. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Shaw, Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mrs. M. Aitken and Mrs. J. Bremner.

PRINCE ALBERT Presbyterial — The new church at **Carragana** was the setting for a W.M.S. sectional meeting. Forty-three delegates were present and Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss Ruth Lor attended. Reports were heard from **Prince Albert, Melfort, Tisdale, Sylvania** and **Carragana.** A story-telling contest, sponsored by the W.M.S. was a highlight of the meeting. Arlene Mitchell of **Carragana** was the winner and will receive a book and free trip to the Christopher Lake Camp.

The **Prince Albert** sectional meeting was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Prince Albert.** Delegates were present from **Sylvania, Tisdale, Meath Park, Shipman, Clouston** and **Prince Albert.** Deaconesses Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss Ruth Lor were present. Mrs. F. Glazier, Presbyterial President presided. The welcome to the visitors was given by Mrs. Morgan of Prince Albert and responded to by Mrs. Sinkiewicz of Meath Park. Rev. Caslor brought greetings from the Presbytery. A story-telling contest sponsored by the W.M.S. was won by Jacqueline Dutruit speaking on David Livingstone.

REGINA Presbyterial — The Edna Bell Auxiliary and the Ruby Walker Guild, **Regina,** held their June meeting together in the form of a social. Games were enjoyed and coloured slides were shown by Miss Jean Williamson.

The Executive of the **Regina** Presbyterial met in the Church parlours of First Church to honour Mrs. Frank Wood who will be leaving Regina shortly to take up residence in Winnipeg. Mrs. Wood, who has been very active in all church work will be greatly missed.

SASKATOON Presbyterial—Recently the girls of the Explorer group of the **Rosetown** Presbyterian Church entertained their mothers at a social evening. After a welcome to the mothers by the chairman, Mrs. R. Wiseman, Ruth Stout, chief explorer, led the girls in the repeating of their motto, purpose and prayer. In her address to the graduating class Mrs. J. Roberts outlined the work and study done during the year. She stressed the meaning of their motto, "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only". Mrs. Funston then presented each graduating Explorer with a gift and diploma.

The guest speaker for theevening was Miss F. Whiteford, Deaconess in the Saskatoon Presbytery. She spoke on the question "What do you want to be when you grow up" Handwork completed during the year was on display. This included an African village, paper flowers, and a quilt for Dr. Moore, a missionary in the north.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND Presbyterial — The Home Helpers picnic of Knox Presbyterian, **Walkerton,** was held in the country at the home of the Misses Campbell. Mrs. Florence Rowand, President, gave a splendid report of Council Meeting in London. The afternoon was a happy gathering and Mrs. Ed. Kramp extended Home Helper Thanks for the kindly hospitality..

CHATHAM Presbyterial — The Essex County sectional meeting for W.M.S. Auxiliaries was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Amherstburg** and was well attended. Mrs. Walter Wigle, President of **Chatham** Presbyterial, opened the meeting. Miss Jessie Smith of Alexander Bartlet, **Windsor,** spoke of the many missionary workers **Amherstburg** Church has welcomed during its 125 years. The speaker, Miss Charlotte Farris, a Deaconess in St. Andrew's, **Windsor,** was introduced by Mrs. Mary Haroll of the Isabell McConnell Auxiliary, **Leamington.**

Knox W.M.S. **Leamington** met at the home of Mrs. F. J. Cosford. A letter from Miss Isabel McConnell was read telling of the great need of food. The Auxiliary had two "CARE" parcels sent immediately to the Jobat Mission, India.

A little Mission Band founded in **Duart** in 1903, under the name of "Hopeful Workers" with an initial membership of 19, has grown into the Duart Mission Band, celebrating a fiftieth Anniversary this year with a present membership of 66. 125 guests registered. Mrs. Gordon Long, Mission Band leader, welcomed the guests and President Margaret McDonald was in charge of the programme. Mrs. Donald B. Cram introduced the speaker, Miss Ruth Stewart, a deaconess of First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham.** Rev. D. B. Cram presented the six Junior Certificates for this year. The Mission Banders have been active as 59 Junior Certificates and pins have been presented throughout the years.

Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary of Knox, **Windsor,** celebrated a 15th anniversary with a supper meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Wiseman.

At the annual Home Helpers' dinner given by the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary in St. Andrews, **Windsor,** Miss Shirley Brett gave a travelogue on her recent visit to Europe. Three parcels of magazines were reported sent to the hospitals and the Homestead. Several members had sewn at Grace Hospital, finishing up 52 articles for hospital use. Six Glad Tidings were reported given out in calls made.

Duart and **Ridgetown** are the first to report the results of the story telling contest to stimulate interest in missionary work among the girls of our Church. At **Duart** the C.G.I.T. group was in charge of the meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, taking the worship service and planning the programme. Eleven girls participated in the story-telling contest, each receiving a prize from the Senior Auxiliary in addition to the first prize for the talk on Mary Slessor, given by Mary Lou McDonald, and the second prize on MacKay of Uganda given by Betty Stremler. In Ridgetown, the Senior Auxiliary attended the C.G.I.T. meeting and listened to three members tell missionary stories. Miss Lee Ann Simpson was the winner and received a prize from the Senior Auxiliary. The newly formed Junior Auxiliary was represented by two members at the monthly meeting of the Evening Auxiliary and the winner of the story here was Miss Janet Cochrane who received a prize from the Evening Auxiliary. Both winners chose David Livingstone for their talks.

The members of the Senior W.M.S. and Evening Auxiliary of St. James Churches, **Thamesville,** took charge of the Sunday morning service when their minister, Rev. Donald MacLeod, was attending the General Assembly in Toronto. The guest speaker was Mrs. D. McLaren of Duart, former Presbyterial President, who gave a splendid resume of what the W.M.S. is trying to do in aid of Christian Missions, both in Canada and overseas.

With deep regret the W.M.S. of St. James Presbyterian Church, **Thamesville,** record the passing of two very faithful members, Mrs. George A. Dickson and Mrs. John A. Stewart. Mrs. Dickson served on the Presbyterial Executive and for an unbroken period of twenty-five years was local treasurer. Mrs. Stewart was outstanding as Secretary, also press secretary. They were faithful in W.M.S. and Church work and sat side by side in the choir for years, singing many duets. Their passing was less than a month apart. Truly they served and left a great Christian witness.

HAMILTON Presbyterial — A very enjoyable musicale was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Brown for the Elizabeth Lyle Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian, **Hamilton.** Mr. Wilfred Searle was in charge of the music and Rev. Lorne MacKay extended a vote of thanks.

Mrs. R. J. Clucas was the guest speaker at the Birthday meeting of St. Cuthbert's Senior Auxiliary **Hamilton.**

The Home Helpers of the Senior and Mildred Soutar Evening Auxiliary were guests at a special meeting when Mrs. D. H. McKay, a worker among the Jews, spoke on the Passover.

The Mary McK. Grant Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's **Hamilton** entertained the C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups at a supper meeting during the summer season.

At a Mother and Daughter Tea under the auspices of the Mary Ann Fisher Senior Auxiliary of **West Flamboro** Church, Miss Margaret Petrie of **Hamilton,** a missionary on furlough, showed coloured slides and told of her work among the natives of central Africa.

A very successful garden tea was held by Knox Senior Auxiliary **Dundas.** A Quiz Programme on the Glad Tidings proved so interesting that the members asked for another such programme soon.

The annual tea of the **Hamilton** Presbyterial was held in Erskine Church, **Hamilton.** Mrs. D. M. Allan, Presbyterial President, received the guests, assisted by Mrs. A. G. MacKenzie and Mrs. A. J. McLeish. Members of the City Auxiliaries assisted the executive in looking after the guests. Displays of various handcrafts proved interesting and a short musicale was enjoyed.

New Westminster Senior Auxiliary heard Dr. Jessie Findlay, formerly of Vellore, speak on Public Health in India. Mrs. David Davidson was honoured.

Kannawin Senior Auxiliary, St. John's Church, **Hamilton,** held a Home Helper Meeting with Mrs. M. M. Leitch as special speaker.

The Ruby Walker Y.W.A., St. Enoch's, **Hamilton,** had a special work night packing books to be sent to Formosa.

Erskine C.G.I.T. completed their mission study then planned to make for their Church aluminum trays for cream and sugars. To conclude the season they entertained their mothers.

The Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary of Christie Church, **West Flamboro,** had the Mission Band as picnic guests.

HURON Presbyterial — First Presbyterian Church, **Seaforth,** welcomed a large W.M.S. gathering of the **Huron** Presbyterial with Mrs. D. Glenn

Campbell, Presbyterial President presiding. Miss Bessie MacMurchy was the guest speaker and told of her Hospital work during the past many years among the Bhils in India. She used the children of the Goforth Mission Band to model the costumes worn by the various peoples in India.

LONDON Presbyterial — Knox Church, **Fingal** Auxiliary, report a "Family Night" somewhat different but growing out of the Council meeting discussion in London. The W.M.S. ladies invited every Church family to their meeting. This being a rural district, the men-folk were busy with farm activities but they responded in goodly number. Business matters discussed were of general interest and gave an insight into W.M.S. work, their allocations etc., and the minister followed this with an enlightening ten minute talk on Presbyterian Missions. The fellowship shared by the congregation made them realize that as each family is a unit of the Church, so our Church is a family unit of the vast society of workers with one aim — the extension of Christ's Kingdom through missionary endeavour.

MAITLAND Presbyterial — In this Presbyterial two auxiliaries celebrated 60th anniversary occasions — **Kinlough** W.M.S. and **Langside** W.M.S.

In **Kinlough** guests were present from **Kinloss North, Kinlough** Anglican, **Ripley, Langside** and **South Kinloss.** In **Langside** a large number of friends and members of neighboring auxiliaries also celebrated their anniversary with them.

Mrs. A. McAuley, Presbyterial President extended Presbyterial greetings and Mrs. Robert Mowbray, **Wingham,** brought greetings from **Hamilton-London** Synodical. Rev. B. F. Andrew of **Hanover,** a returned missionary from British Guiana, was the speaker in **Kinlough** and Mrs. G. S. Baulch of **South Kinloss** addressed the **Langside** meeting. A feature showing of an autographed quilt made in 1925 by the Langside ladies was of much interest.

The **Teeswater** Mission Band was entertained by the **Landside** Mission Band with Rev. R. D. A. Currie speaking to the children.

PARIS Presbyterial — The summer conference of the Paris Presbyterial was held in th Mount Pleasant Church with afternoon and evening sessions presided over by Mrs. H. H. Turner. 138 answered roll call. Discussion groups were most helpful during the afternoon. Slides on Formosa followed, and during the evening Miss Dorothy Douglas of Formosa spoke of her work there.

SARNIA Presbyterial — The Pioneer W.M.S. of St. Andrew, **Wyoming,** held a Birthday meeting July 8th, and had as their guest the United Church ladies of South Plympton. Mrs. G. Dewar of **Sarnia** Presbyterial was guest speaker.

The Gleaners Mission Band of **Wyoming** were pleased to have Knox **Warwick** Mission Band as guests. Mrs. Blake Perry of Knox was the guest speaker. A presentation of seven certificates and eight seals was made.

The **Aberarder** Mission Band entertained the Mission Band of **Wyoming** and Mrs. R. Bruce spoke to the Mission Band children.

Rev. Robert Bruce was the guest speaker when the MacIvor Girls' group of St. Andrew's Church, **Wyoming,** was hostess to the Pioneers W.M.S.

STRATFORD Presbyterial — The 60th Annniversary of Burns Presbyterian W.M.S. **Milverton** was marked by a special Thank-offering service. Rev. A. Nimmo of St. Andrews, **Wingham,** guest minister, delivered a stirring missionary challenge to a large congregation. The following day the W.M.S. Anniversary continued with 107 guests signing the register and over 200 being served at the reception. Greetings were extended by Mrs. A. Hamilton, Synodical President; Mrs. R. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. James Erskine Past Presbyterial President; also by **Listowel, Atwood, Monkton,** and **North Mornington** Societies. The local churches also extended greetings. Mrs. James Semple, president, presided and Rev. John Williams extended words of welcome. Miss Dorothy Douglas was the afternoon speaker, and in telling of our work in Formosa, she stressed the urgent need for a doctor at the MacKay Memorial Hospital.

A floral service of Remembrance and the historical sketch unfolded determined missionary effort throughout the sixty years.

Cromarty W.M.S. observed a fiftieth anniversary. Mrs. Lloyd Sorsdahl was in the chair. Mrs. R. Ballantyne of **Avonton,** brought greetings from **Stratford**.. Presbyterial and Mrs. James Erskine of **Monkton** gave a splendid anniversary address. Guests were registered from **Seaforth, Mitchell, Staffa, Harrington, Stratford, Avonton, Monkton, Thamesford,** and **Moose Jaw,** Sask.

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BARRIE Presbyterial — The children of Sunshine Mission Band were the guests of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church **Gravenhurst.** Under the guidance of their leader Mrs. McNeice, they took charge of the devotions. They told the story of Mpengo of the Congo singing many songs and using Scripture passages, as arranged by Miss Elizabeth Moodie. Articles which the children had made were on display.

Rev. W. H. Oldfield was the guest speaker of the Women's Missionary Society, Knox Church, **Gravenhurst.** Dr. Hunter in introducing the speaker gave a brief account of graduation ceremonies (for 1953) at Nyack Alliance College where Mr. Oldfield graduated over forty years ago.

Mr. Oldfield, with the aid of pictures, took us from the sea-port at Hong Kong into the interior of China where he had visited tribes who had never seen a white man before.

LINDSAY Presbyterial — Lindsay Presbyterial met in Chalmers Church, **Uxbridge** for the semi-annual meeting. We were happy to welcome Miss Louise A. Reith as guest speaker at the afternoon meeting which was in charge of the president, Mrs. W. W. Finney.

Mrs. J. S. MacFarlane, Press Secretary, read an address to Mrs. Joseph Cathcart, a former President of this Presbyterial.

Mrs. Wallace, **Beaverton,** Mission Band secretary gave a very concise and informative report of the Synodical meeting held at Sudbury. Mrs. C. Veale reported 90% of Auxiliaries used the study book last year and all purchases of literature are up.

Mrs. T. C. Leask, **Uxbridge,** welcomed the ladies to Uxbridge. Rev. Mr. McLean, **Kirkfield,** conveyed greetings from Presbytery to the Presbyterial.

Rev. Joseph Cathcart expressed pleasure in being present for this meeting and regretted leaving **Lindsay** Presbytery. His closing message was "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage — and all will be well.

The Happy Clan Mission Band, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Lindsay,** celebrated their sixtieth anniversary with a birthday tea following the meeting in the Sunday School room of the Church.

Miss Elizabeth Lawrence was in the chair; Mrs. Armstrong welcomed the guests. Miss S. Haskell gave an historical sketch of the Mission Band.

TORONTO EAST Presbyterial — For the third successive summer a Bible School under the leadership of Rev. George and Mrs. Killen has been held in **Mount Pleasant** Church, **Sutton.** Each successive year has shown a rising tide of interest in the Word of God, and in Spiritual things. This year a real spirit of conviction was manifest. Including the adults, there was an average attendance of thirty-six. An encouraging feature was the fact that over twenty young people between the ages of ten and sixteen years attended faithfully. The motto of the school was "Talking about the Lord".

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Sutton West,** held their 28th anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gloster. The Mount Pleasant Affiliated Society with other friends, joined in this meeting. The meeting was a double celebration commemorating the founding of the Auxiliary in 1925 and also the first meeting held in the Church in 1928. The guest speaker was Mrs. Rathbone of Toronto, one of the original members.

TORONTO WEST Presbyterial — Early in the month the Women's Missionary Society afternoon Auxiliary at **Nashville** entertained the Home Helpers, the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S., the Mission Band and many friends in the Sunday School room of the Church. Mrs. D. Devins prepared the programme which was presided over by the President, Mrs. N. Black. Our guest speaker was the sectional Vice-President, Mrs. T. L. Williams of **King.** Rev. J. McLelland, our new pastor was introduced and spoke briefly on missions.

On August 11th, the Evening Auxiliary of **Nashville** met in the Sunday School Room of the Church. Mrs. Florence Weber convened the programme. The devotional period was led by the President, Mrs. Shirley Burbidge and the study period was presented in films by Mr. W. J. Agar. The Auxiliary was happy to offer official welcome to Mrs. Gordon Agar who, with her husband and children, has just returned to Canada from India. Our new minister, Dr. J. McLelland, led in prayer.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Miss Janet L. Riley, 333 Pleasant Pk. Rd., Ottawa, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Winchester** met in the Sunday School room. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood. Members of **Winchester** Baptist Church W.M.S. and **Vernon** Presbyterian W.M.S. were guests and were given a cordial welcome. A reading on Service and Loyalty was given. The guest speaker, Mrs. Riddell of **Spencerville** gave an inspiring talk on "Interests of Missions".

Section No. 1 of **Brockville** Presbyterial, held its annual sectional meeting in **Lansdowne** Church. The meeting opened its morning session with Mrs. A. McKay presiding. Mrs. A. C. Young of **Lansdowne** welcomed the visiting societies and Mrs. T. R. Gates of **Brockville** responded. An invitation was extended by Mrs. A. Fortune, to hold the 1954 meeting at **Caintown,** and was gratefully accepted. The President, Mrs. McKay, introduced Miss B. Rowe of **Brockville,** who spoke on the Customs and Ways of Living in Egypt, stressing the extreme poverty of the people and saying that they must be helped financially as well as spiritually. Mrs. J. Slack introduced Mrs. Gordon Blow of South Mountain who gave a splendid address at the afternoon session, taking as her subject "The Power of God". She was thanked by Mrs. Fortune of Caintown.

Rev. A. C. Young of **Lansdowne** gave the closing prayer.

The annual sectional meeting of Section No. 2 of **Brockville** Presbyterial was held at **Ventnor** Church. Mrs. Frank Dobbie of **Ventnor,** President, presided. Mrs. W. Sayeau welcomed the guests and Mrs. A. D. MacLellan of **Iroquois** thanked the ladies on behalf of all Auxiliary members present. An invitation to hold the next sectional in **Pittston** Church in 1954 was extended by Mrs. McKeen and accepted.

Mrs. Mullen of **Spencerville** gave a very fine address. She stressed the importance of having a definite aim and purpose in life, if one would achieve success. A number of interesting reports were read showing progress in the past year's work. Two girls from Ventnor Church, Carol Dobbie and Jean Stinson, demonstrated the use of a flannel-graph in Mission Band Story telling. Mrs. J. Riddell reported briefly on the Synodical meeting in Montreal and Mrs. G. Montgomery on the Council meeting in London. Mrs. E. Larson, Presbyterial President, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. Mrs. A. D. MacLellan, of **Iroquois** presided during the election of officers.

CARDINAL W.M.S. Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Carman Brown to bid farewell to Mrs. Fitzsimmons, who was leaving with her husband Rev. Wm. Fitzsimmons to take a new charge at Val D'Or, Quebec. Pictures were taken and a programme with "Friendship" as the theme, was enjoyed. The group gave Mrs. Fitzsimmons an Honourary Life Membership pin.

Mrs. Robert Rainey of Chesterville was the guest speaker at the sixty-third annual meeting of **Morewood** W.M.S. at which the Home Helpers and Mission Band Members were present, at the home of the President, Mrs. W. C. Hunter. The meeting was held on the lawn and was well attended.

GLENGARRY Presbyterial — A successful Mission Band Rally under the auspices of **Glengarry** Presbyterial, was held in Knox Church, **Moose Creek.** Mr. W. E. Knox, student minister of the Church, acted as chairman. Children and leaders from six Mission Bands were present. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. E. Knox, Presbyterial Children's Department secretary, who officially launched a contest under which a banner will be competed for annually by the Mission Bands. Mr. Knox addressed the meeting, taking for his subject, favourite texts of David Livingstone Rev. Dr. McLean Bell, of St. Andrew's Church, **Maxville,** closed the meeting with prayer. Following the meeting a film entitled "The Church Marches On" was shown, portraying the advances of the Church amongst the hill tribes of Formosa.

At a pleasant little candle-lighting ceremony held in the Prebyterial Church **Farran's Point,** two new Mission Bands were organized in connection with the churches at **Woodlands** and **Farran's Point.** Following the Scripture reading by Mrs. J. Raines, leader of **Woodlands** Mission Band, Mrs. W. E. Knox, Presbyterial Children's Department Secretary, described the aims and activities of Mission Bands. The Rev. J. Raines, minister of St. Matthew's Church, **Woodlands,** told the thrilling story of the transport and building of the missionary ship "Peace" in the heart of the Belgian Congo of Africa.

Mrs. A. J. MacEwan, District Vice-President No. 4, paid her annual visit to **Gravel Hill** and **Monkland** Auxiliary in June and gave an excellent report of the past year's work.

LANARK AND RENFREW Presbyterial — Graduation from the Petawawa Daily Vacation Bible School took place in the Presbyterian Church in Petawawa Village. Reverend George Anderson conducted the service. The children gave demonstrations of the work they had been doing during the past two weeks and their handiwork was on exhibition. Stand-up sheepfold scenes, book-ends made by the boys and lampshades by the girls.

The daily program included, as well as Bible Studies, handwork, games, singing and Mission study, with a mid-morning recess for refreshments.

Captain Rev. John Ford presented diplomas and certificates to the children.

MONTREAL Presbyterial — Members of Montreal Presbyterial Executive met at the home of the President, Miss Dorothy Coles, to say farewell to Miss Margaret Macnaughton on the eve of her departure for Colombo, Ceylon, where she will be working for two years with the Y.W.-C.A. Miss Macnaughton had served four years previously in Colombo, from 1947 to 1951 and is giving up her job as a High School Teacher in Montreal to return to work with the Y.W.C.A. in Colombo. She will be greatly missed in Montreal Presbyterial where she has been Evening Department Secretary. On behalf of the Presbyterial, Mrs. Charles Johnson presented Miss Macnaughton with a gift.

OTTAWA Presbyterial — Gloucester W.M.S. and Ladies Aid held a joint meeting in the Church when the guest speaker was Mrs. F. W. Fee, who gave an address on "Life History and Work of Carolyn MacDonald, Missionary".

The annual joint meeting of **Gloucester** Mission Band and Home Helpers department took place in Gloucester Church with sixty members present. The President, Mrs. David Henderson, presided. Mrs. G. Grossman, Presbyterial Mission Band secretary spoke to the Mission Band and Mrs. F. J. Shouldice, Presbyterial Home-Helper's secretary, addressed the Home Helpers. Mrs. F. W. Fee of Knox Church spoke on the Early Churches of the Ottawa Valley and told something of their history. Mrs. Jennie Campbell extended a vote of thanks to the speakers on behalf of the Home Helpers and Mrs. Stanford Henderson on behalf of the Mission Band. **Westminster** Auxiliary had a special speaker at their meeting. Mrs. C. L. Wood, on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, gave an informative talk on the work carried on among the Bhil people and had on display, native costumes, jewellery and miniature farm implements which created a great deal of interest. The President, Miss Mildred Stinson presided and a special welcome was extended to Mrs. D. Cameron, the wife of the new minister of Westminster Church.

The Editorial Committee wishes to express their gratitude to the ladies of Cooke's Church for their co-operation in allowing the Editor to take photographs of their meeting.

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more — a grateful heart!
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessing had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.

—GEORGE HERBERT.

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JULY 31, 1953

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Refund from Candidate	$ 90.25
Birtle Indian School Government Grant	12,882.72
Cecilia Jeffrey Government Grant	10,400.80
Girls Camp Glinz Lake, Victoria, B.C.	11.70
Wo-shi-lo Group, Calgary, "Mrs. Gehmans' Work India"	20.00
A Friend "Christian Literature"	100.00
St. Stephen's Sunday School, Ottawa "Support of Stephen, Bhil Field India"	20.00
Miss Marjory Wilson, Collingwood "Christmas for Children Mendha India"	5.00
Beaver Flats Sunday School, Alberta "Christmas for Children, Bhil Field"	12.45
Miss Joan Rochemont	5.00
Mrs. Maureen Duncan, in Memory of her mother Mrs. W. E. Stauth, "Christian Literature"	50.00
Sunday School Class, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor "Support of Duncan Bhil Field"	25.00
Miss E. Henderson, "Christian Literature, Miss Brown, China"	25.00
Leadership Training Camp, Lake Wasa, B.C. "Christian Literature"	5.00
Knox Church Sunday School, Moose Jaw "Education of an Indian Boy or Girl"	20.00
Tolmie Memorial Church "Miss Beatrice Scott, Famine Relief"	30.00
Famine Relief in India	75.50
Grace Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Millbrook, "Flood Relief"	27.00
Refund on Council Expenses	12.90
Hospitalization rates from workers	64.10
Glenview Evening Auxiliary, "Supplies for Formosa"	10.00
A Friend	1.00
Synodical Givings:	
Alberta	574.31
Supplies	137.60
Saskatchewan	640.77
Supplies	181.55
Manitoba	560.50
Supplies	8.00
Hamilton and London	4,479.48
Montreal and Ottawa	2,000.00
Supplies	681.50
	$34,942.32

Disbursements:

National Missions:

Chinese in Canada	$ 2,437.46
Hospital Visitors	1,501.18
Deaconesses	1,036.42

Children's Centre, Vancouver & Tyndale House	972.98
Port Work	360.57
Van Expenses	1,507.61
New Missionaries	320.00
Student Deaconesses	850.00
Expenses of Student Deaconesses	135.60
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	850.00
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	383.32
Cecilia Jeffrey Government Grant	4,334.01
Birtle Government Grant	3,677.81
Birtle	50.00
Overseas Missions:	
India: Jhansi	533.32
India: Bhil	266.66
Taiwan	685.32
British Guiana	533.32
Missionaries Expenses	988.64
New Missionaries	646.45
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	844.38
Overseas Contingency	356.00
Publications	2,249.57
Administration	2,123.01
Organization	4,371.71
Supplies	563.11
Amount paid from Missionaries' **Salaries as requested**	892.80
Insurance and Taxes	283.43
Famine Relief in India	900.00
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Inter Church Aid and Service to Refugees	1,000.00
Candidate	1.00
	$35,866.69

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Legacy Fund	
Interest	613.75
Special Fund	
Interest	110.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
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EDITORIAL

"We have no alternative in this small world but to learn to live together," said Mrs. Raymond Sayre, retiring president of the Associated Countrywomen of the World at the opening session of that organization's World Conference held in Toronto this past summer.

In a season when we remember the price paid for battle between conflicting ideologies, Mrs. Sayre's statement serves to arouse us from thinking of the past. At once we see that there is no alternative but to learn to live with our neighbour. Today our neighbour is our family, the person next door, the men and women in every corner of the world.

It is significant—at least to this writer, that in a time when we are thinking deeply about our religious conviction—when we are striving with all the force of our mind to understand how we can make the Church effective in these days, that our mission study theme happens to be "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

Here is something we can *do* to answer the question, the urgency that is within us, making us restless—we can study the World Church, and as we study we can be constantly striving to understand the peoples of the world. We can be searching for the truth which will give to us, to all mankind—the peace we so much desire. We know that it is the individual studying, working, consecrating his whole being to the philosophy in which he believes—who will shape the future. The sincere Christian no longer sits back waiting for someone to direct her activity in group action. The Christian must study the literature for herself, must seek God's guidance to know where she may serve, then fit herself into group activity—into the auxiliary, the congregation, the community. The mission study allows us to identify ourselves with the World Church today.

The Presbyterian Church, is endeavouring to promote opportunity for the individual member to know the Church, to know its outreach, to know the technique of all age groups, Literature is provided, training schools are organized for this purpose. The Presbyterian Training Institute plan is an example of the means provided by our Church for leadership training. But all the plans made are effective only in proportion to the use made of them. Whatever criticism we may have of literature, of studies, of training plans, can only be valid if we have tried them,—have found a way to improve them—and have sought to lend our support to such improvement.

"We must learn to live together." It sounds easy but we know it is tremendously difficult. But knowing its difficulty makes our efforts as individuals all the more worth while—for we have a big job to do—and we have some means at hand with which to do it—and working as individuals, yet working together we will learn the art of living—with ourselves,—with our neighbours—and with all the world.

Prayer

O God, our Father, we humbly acknowledge Thee as the giver of all good and the enricher of all life. We thank Thee that amid the perplexities of our day Thou art our Guide, and, that amid tumults and threatenings, our confidence is in the wisdom that cannot err and the power that cannot fail.

In these days of anxiety may we all have that sure faith that will dispel our gravest fears and make us brave to face the duty of the hour. Give us quietness, confidence and strength to do our part. Graciously remember all who suffer and are homeless and hungry. As Thou art ever mindful of our needs and compassionate towards us, so may we be kind and generous to one another. Touch our hearts, break down our indifference, forgive our selfishness, and make it easy for us to come closer to people in tender sympathy, helpfulness, and love. Keep us faithful to our tasks, to our friends, and above all, to Thee.

Shed abroad Thy peace upon the world and lead all nations into the ways of mutual help and goodwill. Grant us all strength for our work, fidelity to duty and faith that shall endure, and may we go forward in Thy service with courage, remembering that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. This we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY REUNION

In this story of a fictitious Chinese family, Miss Judd has put together facts about Chinese people coming to Canada. The story indicates the hardships these people have experienced, the joy they know in a land of peace.

A STORY BY MURIEL JUDD

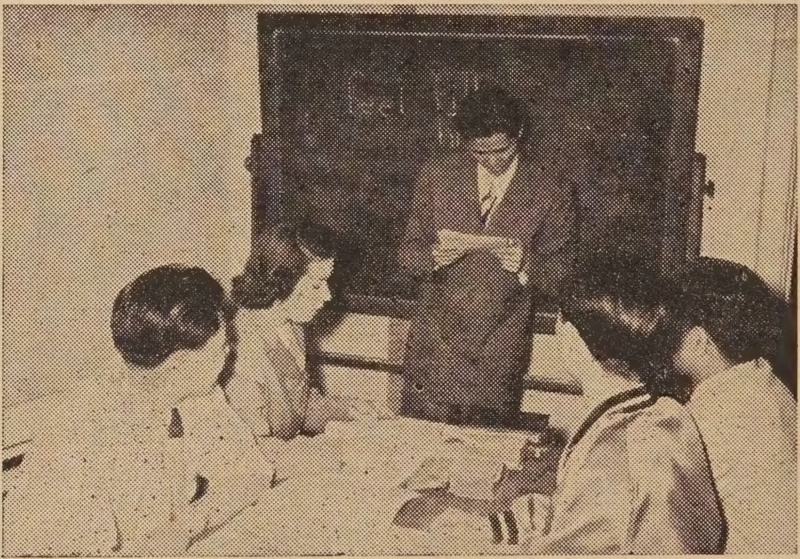
I AM a Chinese woman, and I arrived in Montreal from China just about two years ago. This great city is so different from my little village that I still feel quite bewildered and think that I must be living in a dream. But I do like living here, partly because for the first time in many years my family will soon be all together, and we have enough food to eat now. Food! I have seen more meat in one week here than I have seen in a whole year in China! My story is not very different from that of many others, but perhaps you would like to hear it.

It was over 20 years ago that I was married to a man who had come all the way from Montreal in Canada to look for a wife. As you know, for many years few Chinese women were permitted to enter Canada, so after our marriage my husband remained in China for a few months, and then he had to return to his laundry business in Montreal. Those were happy months and they passed by all too quickly. My husband couldn't stay long enough to see our little son, who has brought me so much happiness. But he did come back twice again, and each time he stayed for a few happy months, and so often he would say, "How I wish I could take you to Canada! We have to work very hard there, but there is plenty to eat, and no fear of oppression as there is here!" It all sounded so wonderful, but it was quite foolish for us to hope that our dreams might come true. And so, because of immigration restrictions in Canada, our family remained divided by thousands of miles, and my husband continued to deny himself any luxuries he might have had in order to send money to us, for times were very hard in China.

You people in Canada know very little of hardship. When the Japanese came into China, we had to flee to the west, leaving our little home perhaps never to see it again. For days and days we dragged our weary feet along the road, until we arrived at a place far enough away to be safe, but always we were hungry. Several babies and older people died of starvation, among them my sister's little girl. I had to work long hours in the rice-fields, until it seemed that, sometimes, my back would break. We had little else to eat with the rice, and often not enough of that. But at last we heard that the war was over, so we began our long trek back to our village. As always on the homeward journey, the way seemed a bit shorter, in spite of our weakness and weariness and hunger, and it was with beating hearts that we approached our village. Our village? I should have said, what was left of our village. Most of the houses had been destroyed, including ours. It was just one more heartbreak to see our home in ruins. But the land was ours still, and with the help of relatives and friends we were able to make a shelter, and bit by bit another home took shape.

During all this time I had had no word from my husband, and it was a long time since I had received any money from him. Then at last I had a letter from him, anxiously asking after us and inquiring if we had been receiving the money he had been sending regularly. How we could have used that money! I felt rather bitter about that for awhile, but the feeling passed in the business of getting settled again.

Life went on for two or three years. The three children attended school, and they all worked hard after school hours. Then one day a letter came from my husband with the most exciting piece of news. For the first time in Canada, the Chinese

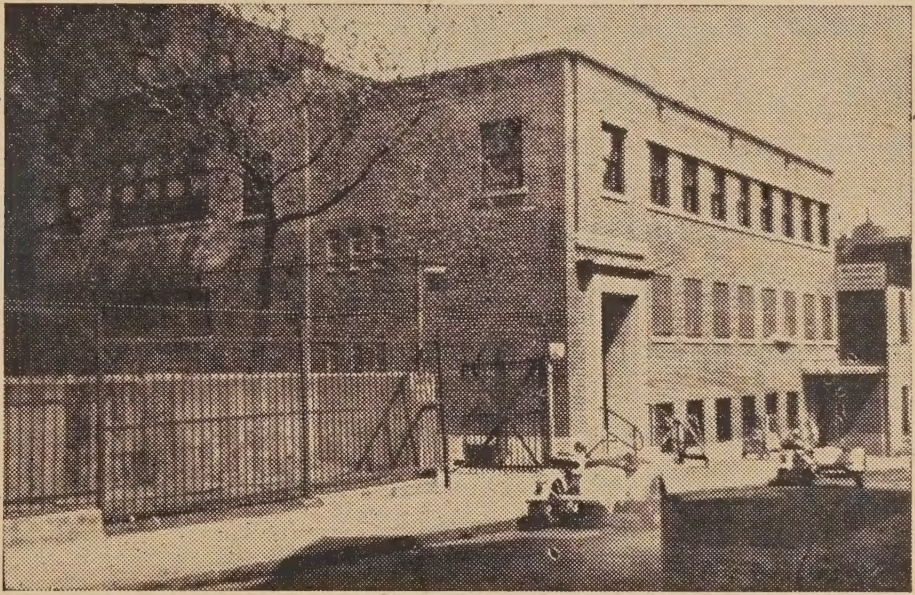


John took lessons in English at the Church.

were given the right to become Canadian citizens! Since he was able to fulfill the requirements, he was going to take out his citizenship papers. And most wonderful of all, he would be able to bring over his wife and children under 18 years of age! Under 18 years of age! My heart sank when I read those last words. Our eldest son would be too old to go! How could I go with the other two and leave my first-born behind? He was as disappointed as I was, I know, but he pretended he would rather stay in China. So it was with mixed feelings that we awaited word that came at last. Our second boy, who was 16, was to go first. What excitement there was, not only in our family, but in the whole village as well, as the necessary preparations were made!

At last the great day came, and my heart was sore as I bade him good-bye. We had been through so much together, my three children and I, but at least we had always been together, until now. He was trying so hard to behave like a man, but he was still a boy, and he looked very sad and frightened as he turned to leave us.

He sent us letters along the way,—from Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo, and later from San Francisco, Vancouver, and at last from Montreal. His letters were full of wonder at that strange new world! He was so anxious to learn English, and within the first week in Montreal he began his lessons.



". . . Surprised to find a splendid building."

It happened this way. The man who had helped my husband to take out the papers for his citizenship, and later for our son's entry into Canada, was a Christian minister, the Rev. Paul Chan, and as soon as our boy arrived in Montreal, Mr.

Chan asked him to go to his church for Sunday School and for English lessons. He went the following Sunday to Sunday School, and enjoyed it very much. Some of it was in Chinese, and some of it was in English, which made him all the more anxious to learn the new language. He liked to listen to the girls and boys singing, and to hear for the first time something read from the Christians' book, the Bible. We had never known any Christians before, so we were all interested in hearing about them. During the week he began to take lessons in English at the church, and there he met several other boys who also had come recently from China, and whom he had seen in Sunday School. Because he didn't know any English at all, he was put into the beginners' class which was taught by a Chinese woman, Mrs. Louie. The boys who already knew some English were taught by another teacher, Miss Judd. My boy wanted an English name, so Mrs. Louie gave him the name of John. What interested him particularly was the fact that a number of the Canadian-born girls and boys were taking lessons in Chinese from the minister. They were interested in learning how to read and to write their parents' language, although they probably would never go to China.

John's letters were read and reread with much interest, and our little daughter could hardly wait to get to Canada, too. My husband was making the arrangements, and at last a letter came telling us that she and I were to go soon. Now that the great moment had come, I could hardly bear to leave my little village and my family and friends, and most of all, my eldest son. More than likely I would never see him again! But the opportunity had come for me to go to my husband, and that was my righful place, so, tearfully, we left the land we loved so well for our new home. However, I must add here, that with the coming of the Communists life was becoming very difficult in China, and I had dreams of a freer life in the new land.

The journey was long, but full of interest, and we found the other passengers on the Canadian train were quite interested in us. When they found we couldn't speak English, they helped us to order our food by drawing pictures of the food, and we couldn't help but feel how friendly they were. Were all Canadians like that, we wondered, and would they all treat us with such kindness, or would we be made to feel what we were,—foreigners?

At last we reached Montreal. How happy we were to be together again! My husband's face was full of smiles as he proudly took us to our new home, and introduced his friends to us. As for John, he could hardly wait to take us to the Chinese Church, and so the next Sunday we went to the service, and there we met the people we had heard about. It is so good to know that there is one place where we are truly welcome, and where we can meet other

Chinese people in this great Canadian city. I was quite surprised to find such a splendid building. It is a busy place all week long, for besides the classes in English and Chinese, there is a kindergarten for little children, and there are also organizations for the young people and boys and girls. There is a gymnasium where the young people play basketball and badminton and volleyball. John has a wonderful time there. I have since been attending the English class, and the W.M.S. Auxiliary. The three workers also visit in the homes and hospitals, and Mr. Chan and Mrs. Louie are of great help to the Chinese people who do not understand English very well, as they are always willing to interpret for them. I was quite surprised to find such a place as this, and grateful to the Canadian friends who, through the Presbyterian Church in Canada, have helped to make it possible.

I am near the end of my story now, but there is one more piece of wonderful news to tell you. Some time ago we received word that the age limit of children who could be admitted from China to Canada had been raised. That means that our eldest son can join us, and just as soon as we have enough money saved and the necessary papers completed, he will be coming to Montreal. Need I tell you how happy I am? It will be more than wonderful to have our family all together at last.

. . . Attending the English class and the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

Last Sunday in the church service, the minister spoke to us about God, our Heavenly Father, who loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us. This is still rather new and strange to me,—so different from our old religion. I feel it really must be true. My husband and I have been attending the church services for some time now, and it may be that before very long we shall become Christians.

Margaret Kennedy, on her way home from India, attended a study conference for missionaries on furlough. She tells us her experiences in this story.

SERVANTS OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

AT BOSSEY, SWITZERLAND

IT was Ascension Day, and there I was in Switzerland, sitting in a 12th century building, renovated to make a small chapel. Leading the Communion Service was a German professor, a missionary from South America and his face was radiated as he spoke of the reason for our gathering there that day. I could not understand his beautifully-spoken German but his gestures expressed his meaning. We missionaries of different nationalities, and representing still other peoples, those among whom we worked, (as a group we spoke an aggregate of some 50 languages) were gathered there that day to remember that our common Father, the Almighty God, had come down in the form of man, had wrought the great work of redemption then had returned on high. Were we dying to self and were we raised to live the Life that He gave for us? We each searched our own heart. In front of me sat a young Parisienne, a missionary from Central Africa and beside me was a Dutch girl, who was serving in Indonesia. Scandinavians, German, Swiss, British, a few North Americans made up the rest of that group. As we rose to sing praises to our Lord, the melody was one and it did not seem to matter that we were singing German, French and English all at the same time.

I shall never forget that simple service as it was the first time that I had come to the Lord's Table since I had so recently had the inestimable privilege of being in the Holy Land. I saw again the hills of Bethlehem and of Nazareth, and I thrilled to feel that it was because of an event, of a life lived in that small country so many years ago, that we of such diverse backgrounds had gathered and could gather in such a real fellowship that day. Among those gentle green hills around the Lake of Galilee, a Man had walked for 2 or 3 years and the love and longing for men that He poured forth had changed the history of mankind, His life was now a living force in this Dutch girl beside me so that she must needs share that love with the Javanese people. The dynamic of that love had sent that tall fair Noregian to spread the Good News of Salvation in Madagascar.

In the chapel was a bearded German who had spent many years in New Guinea; a Hollander who had been interned by the Japanese, the allies of the Germans, and had done forced labour in Papua, a younger German who had been in the British prison camp in South Africa, yet here we were, worshipping, discussing, eating, laughing together, not because it was "the thing to do" but because we knew ourselves members of One Body.

I was allocated to an English-speaking discussion group in which two other Candians were present, but the majority of the members were Continental. The whole conference was led into a study of Romans 12 to 15 by Mlle. Suzanne de Dietrich, then our group leader was a Celanese layman. To hear those missionaries, especially the Dutch and German theologians, dig deep into each verse to find Paul's vital meaning and application was an inspiration to me. For instance, regarding the question of "Genuine Love" for the brethren as applied to the mission field, how did our attitude toward Christians of other nations, those of the Younger Churches, measure up? Was genuine love expressed in "all give and no take"? What of the unconscious superiority of western culture that caused decisions to be made for others instead of allowing the Gospel message itself to leaven its way through another culture towards new standards! What of the injunction to obey the ruling powers—can they really be ordained of God? At this point, my mind went back to those narrow streets of Jerusalem, to that Ecce Homo arch on the Via Dolorsa, and to Him who called Herod a fox but who submitted to the unjust decision of the ruling Government. No anarchy but no compromise.

The plenary sessions of the Conference were always a joy as they were handled by Dr. Kraemer, the Director, that great Dutch theologian whose deep insight and humility were offset by his sparkling humour and quaint English. He would gather up the findings of the different groups after we had discussed various aspects of mission

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NEW TITLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Margaret Webster

FOR the past number of years, a considerable amount of co-operative work has been undertaken by the Women's Missionary Society and the Board of Christian Education of our Church, particularly in the areas of children's, girls' and youth work. Particular examples of this co-operation are the Explorer and C.G.I.T. programmes, which are sponsored jointly by the Society and the Board. A current example of co-operative undertakings is the Presbyterian Training Institute plan at present in progress across Canada.

Recently, however, these two Boards have taken steps towards even closer co-operation. The Board of Christian Education has named the National Secretaries (Children's and Youth) and the Regional Secretaries employed by the Women's Missionary Society as official representatives of the Board of Christian Education, supported by it in every way. The Board plans to seek recognition for their work in the courts of the Church. The Women's Missionary Society Council Executive has given its approval to this plan.

Such official status will give the Secretaries greater responsibility for all phases of the work of their age-group department, will assist them in their contacts with all departments of the Church, and will allow them to represent the Board of Christian Education as well as the Women's Missionary Society in meetings both denominational and interdenominational.

At the same time the official titles of the Secretaries were changed to be:

Presbyterian National Secretary for Children's Work

Presbyterian National Secretary for Girls' Work

Presbyterian National Secretary for Youth Work

Presbyterian Regional Secretary

The Members of the Society will welcome such co-operative effort, and will assist the Secretaries as they shoulder greater responsibilities both for the Board of Christian Education and for our own Society.

Oh, for the faith and strength to win
Every battle we begin.
Oh, for patience to put through
Every task we plan to do.

—James Buckham

SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS

By MAYDEE F. PAE

The second in Mrs. Pae's series introducing Presidents of Synodical Societies to the membership

MRS. W. E. BAKER

Montreal and Ottawa

THE historic and beautiful village of Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue was the birthplace of Gladys Seath Baker but very early in life she came with her parents to Montreal where her busy life has been spent. Mrs. Baker was educated in the Montreal schools and instead of entering McGill University she chose to be a business woman. In this field she was most successful and continued till her marriage to Mr. W. Ernest Baker a member of another old Montreal family. Her home became a center of friendliness and hospitality which has continued through the years.

Mr. Baker's sudden death early in this year was a severe shock but still the home is open and many of our missionaries, Overseas and National, secretaries, members of Council executive and others who visit Montreal have found a home with her.

Early in life Mrs. Baker recognized the claims of her church and as a member of Knox Crescent congregation she assumed a full share in the many and varied activities, especially in the Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society. She was at two different times

President of this Auxiliary and then going out into the larger field of Montreal Presbyterial. She was Young Womens' Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Secretary and then President. Following her term of office as Presbyterial President she became a Vice- President of the Quebec Provincial Society and then its President. When the Synodical Societies were organized Mrs. Baker assumed the duties of Vice-President and is now in her second year as President of the Montreal-Ottawa Society.

Mrs. Baker is now a member of St. Andrew and St. Paul congregations.

Servants of the Universal Church — *Concluded*

work then challenge us to re-examine our decisions. Was our emphasis on the Younger Churches out of proportion to their stage of development? Had the appeal for evangelism in overseas missions given place to the call for partnership in an already-established Church and if so what was the response? The call of many sectarian groups is still for "straight evangelism"; what can be learned with humility from these more vocal groups? If a mission programme becomes complex, is there not a danger of drifting into social service? These and many, many other questions, including a survey of the Church in China led by missionaries from there, made for hours of worthwhile discussion.

In a way it was encouraging as well as challenging to meet with these representatives from the four corners of the earth as I was again reminded that human nature is universally and timelessly of the same stuff. Our problems and growing pains on the Bhil field were not so peculiar, as they were just another aspect of Sin struggling not to let Grace have the victory that is sure to be, but oh, the wisdom that is needed from on high to recognise the guiles and wiles. I pray that I in my small sphere may be strengthened for more sanctified thinking, more serious searching for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all matters, as I have seen these servants of the universal Church do at Bossey, Switzerland.

DESIGNATION SERVICES

Miss Anne MacEachern

ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church, Montague, Prince Edward Island, was filled to capacity when a very impressive service of designation was held for Miss Anne MacEachern, graduate deaconess of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Toronto. The service was conducted by Rev. F. N. Young, minister of the church and acting moderator of the P.E.I. Presbytery and Rev. T. H. B. Somers, minister of the Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown preached the sermon. The Old Testament lesson was read by Rev. Lee McNaughton, and the New Testament lesson by Rev. Carl Currie, Murray Harbour North. Mrs. F. N. Young presented Miss MacEachern with a deaconess pin and also on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, (W.D.) Mrs. Young made the presentation of a beautifully bound Bible.

Following the service, a reception for approximately one hundred friends was held in the church hall. On behalf of the Y.P.S. Miss Thelma Larter presented Miss MacEachern with a Kodak camera, and a purse of money from the W.M.S. and congregation was presented by Mrs. H. E. Nelson; the address read by Mrs. J. M. MacKenzie.

Miss MacEachern is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William MacEachern, Montague, P.E.I.

AT a special meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Miss Agness Gollan was designated by Rev. Dr. J. Forbes Wedderburn as deaconess appointed to overseas missions. Rev. M. C. Young, moderator of the Presbytery of Kingston, presided.

Miss Gollan, a native of Kingston, attended KCVI and graduated from Queen's University in 1952. This spring she graduated from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconness Training School in Toronto. The national

Miss Agnes Margaret Gollan, B.A.

staff of the Canadian Women's Missionary Society of which she is now a member, is sending her to England, where she will take a year's study at Selly Oak Missionary College, Birmingham, England, before proceeding to her appointed overseas mission.

Rev. R. K. Earls, of Amherst Island, preached a sermon titled "She Has Wrought a Good Work." Miss Laura Pelton, director of the overseas mission of the Women's Missionary Society of Toronto, presented Miss Gollan with a Bible on behalf of the Society. Mrs. G. D. Ralston, principal of the Training School in Toronto, presented Miss Gollan with her deaconness pin.

The Church presented Miss Gollan with a gold wrist watch upon her graduation from the deaconness school, and the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church presented her with a Life Membership and pin.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL W.M.S.

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CHINESE CHILDREN PRESENT A PAGEANT

By MAY C. SMITH

Mrs Smith, in describing a closing ceremony of Chinese Kindergarten in Vancouver, gives us a word picture of accomplishments of the children.

The graduating class of thirty-one children presented a beautiful pageant of the crowning of the child King, Joash. Three scenes were depicted, Judah; the next in the garden of the High Priest, Jehoiada, and the third in the Temple court. The story was the first in the Palace of the King of told briefly in the Chinese, by Miss Yeandle, before the pageant opened.

How the stage was set for each scene, in a matter of seconds, and without any proper stage effects, was almost incredible. A kitchen chair covered with a huge scarlet cloth; a small table on which were placed the "Book of the Law" and the "crown"; a stool for the tiny king to kneel upon—these were the only props.

The first scene showed the women of the palace, with Jehosheba, and the nurse, and the baby Joash. All were dressed in oriental costume. In the second scene many of the daily action songs and games were featured.

The third scene was a thing of beauty, and every one of the 200 guests was thrilled, as the boys of the graduating class, dressed in royal scarlet, with tall silver-tipped lances, formed a double-line guard of honour up to the throne.

This was followed by the royal procession: Jehoiada, the High Priest, followed by the little king, gorgeously robed in ermine, with a long purple velvet train carried by two tiny pages dressed in yellow.

The king knelt before the throne, and was anointed by the High Priest, whose priestly robes were made according to the Biblical directions, even to the bells and pomegranates on the hem of the garments.

After the anointing, the king ascended the throne, where the roll was placed in his hands. Aaron's benediction was pronounced by Jehoiada, and then a beautiful replica of the crown was placed on his head while the whole assembledge clapped their hands and shouted "God save the King": Following the ceremony the royal party left the Temple, flanked by the guard of honour.

It was a beautiful, and stirring

scene, and one which I am sure will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

All the costumes were the work of our teachers—Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung, and Miss Annie Wilson. The amount of time and preparation which must have gone into the afternoon's production would be impossible to measure; but the leaders had the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts were much appreciated by both Chinese and English visitors.

Many of the hymns, choruses, and Scripture portions which the children had learned during the year were incorporated into the play.

During the intermission, while the children were changing into their graduation gowns, Rev. David A. Smith, and Rev. Y. N. Kwan addressed the visitors.

The graduation ceremony, itself, was both interesting and colourful. The thirty-one tots marched in procession, from the church door to the platform, in their black gowns and mortarboards, and scarlet hoods, to receive their certificates from Mrs. Earl P. Fox, Presbyterial President.

An inscribed copy of the special Coronation Testament was presented to each child by Mrs. Alfred Lee of Montreal. Mrs. Lee, the former Jennie Con, was a member of the Vancouver Mission staff before her marriage.

Valedictories were given in Chinese and English by two of the graduates, and after The Lord's Prayer, a most enjoyable afternoon closed with "God Save the Queen."

The Graduates . . . received their certificates from Mrs. Earl P. Fox.

PRIMITIVE - AND THEY NEED SO MUCH

Miss L. K. Pelton, quoting from a letter from Miss Hildur Hermanson, gives us a picture of the work being done among the hill people in Formosa.

MISS HILDUR HERMANSON, Reg. N., appears to have a genius for discovering the less obvious and more remote conditions and characteristics of a people. Following a little conference with four of the Bible women at which Miss Hermanson, Miss Taylor, Miss Macdonald and Miss MacKenzie gave leadership, Miss Hermanson went up into one of the aboriginal villages to scout around to see what should be done there. Miss Hermanson was accompanied by a nurse and the wife of one of the business men as interpreters.

"Mr. Bolton drove us as far as his little car could go and then the three of us women set off on foot, the Tyal preacher waiting with our luggage for a lumber truck to go into the mountains. The truck caught up with us after two hours. We rode up to a beautiful mountain resort where there are wonderful hot springs, spent the night there and early the next morning the aborigines came to carry our things down to the little church where I was to talk.

"I had some medicines to give out so after my talks we did treatments. The little church, holding about 250 people, was filled so we were very busy, talking from ten to eleven o'clock, then clinic until lunch. We met again at half-past two, another talk, the aborigines did one of their dances for us in costume and then clinic again until seven o'clock — and was I tired! The second night we slept in the preacher's house and ate at his house. I am afraid that none of us had much sleep.

"The aborigines think it very bad luck when twins are born into a family and when they are the babies have to die, apparently from lack of care. I tried to tell them that surely they could see that two babies must be a double blessing. The Formosan lady with me was as shocked as I was. They wanted a short course in midwifery while I was there. They expected to learn all about it in a day. The result of this is that the Formosan lady, who is also a midwife trained by Japanese, promised to give some practical lessons to a small group of four or five who had a bit more education and have them go down to Kong-koan for a while.

"So many aboriginal babies die of tetanus, being infected at birth. The mothers also suffer a great deal as they get no care at all, so they wanted to know what can be done for them.

"We have never received kinder treatment from anyone than from these simple people who have so little and yet shared it with us so graciously.

"We left after lunch on Wednesday as we would have to try to catch a ride on a lumber truck coming down, which we did, and a more terrifying ride I have never had, clinging to those logs up so high and swooping down into the little streams. Finally we were told that so many could not ride on the ruck — apparently they were having inspection — so Mrs. Bolton and I got off and walked the rest of the way. We had to wade through all the streams as there are no bridges. After a while we did not even try to find stepping stones, but just walked right through the water. It was easier. Got home about nine o'clock in the evening, tired but happy.

"I was so glad to have some medicines to give out as the poor things had so many ailments. Some of them we sent to the Public Health Station, hoping they would get some treatment, but not too hopeful!"

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know: God answers prayer.
I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.
I know it cometh, soon or late;
Therefore we need to pray — and wait.
I know not if the blessings sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
I leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own.

WOMEN WITH A VISION

The Editor reports on her impressions of The Seventh Triennial Conference of Associated Countrywomen of the World.

Women with a Vision. — More than one thousand of these women visited Canada this summer. They came from all over the world — to share in discussion and to receive inspiration for carrying out common goals benefitting all mankind.

The Associated Country Women of the World represent many thousands of women on all continents of the earth. They meet every three years to discuss their common problems. This year they came home — to Canada. For it was two Canadian women with vision who originated the idea of rural women in all parts of the world organizing in National groups and in a world-problems.

The Theme

The theme of this seventh Trienniel Conference was: How can the Countrywoman, as an individual, and through her Society, take a more active part in international work?" The theme was discussed in eight conference groups. Here are some of the topics of the study groups.

- — Problems and Programs of Rural Women in less developed areas.
- — Technical Assistance Programs (including Rural Home Economics)
- — Educational of Rural Youth and the part of the family in training for World Understanding.
- — Adult education programs.
- — International Exchange Program — persons, programs and letters.

It was a privilege to be allowed to sit in on the plenary sessions and to hear the reports of The Round Table discussions. The courtesy of Miss Anna P. Lewis of the Ontario Women's Institute Branch, and Miss Harriet Parsons of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada, the Canadian Conference Secretary — made this possible. Having been granted this privilege I want to tell you just a few of my impressions.

First of all I realize that a number of our readers (members of the W.I.) of this magazine were either themselves at the conference or were represented by delegates. To these women in our Society who share the responsibilities, the inspiration of the A.C.W.W. —I want to say "Congratulations!" The high standards set in your organization, the methods you use to acquire them, the spirit of oneness which was constantly exhibited at this conference; were worthy of women who are willing to share world responsibilities.

Parallels of Activity

In my whole thought of the conference, in all my participation in it — I thought of our Society — of our Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. There are so many parallels of activity — so much that is common in our aims and ambitions. Three words stood out, symbolic of the thinking of the conference and of the thousands of women who make up A.C.W.W. the world over. The three words — EDUCATION — FAMILY - SHARING.

Education

The A.C.W.W. seeks to know the problems facing its members— and all countrymen, by having consultative staff at the United Nations. This is not the only means of obtaining such information — but it serves as one of the largest sources. Therefore members study the United Nations and seek to know how the two organizations can be mutually helpful. "Ways and Means" of spreading information about U.N. and its agencies was one of the Round Table discussion topics. Let me quote just a tiny bit from the report of that group. "A provincial group reported a three-year United Nations program."

"One state reported 15,000 persons as members of discussion groups studying the United Nations."

'One State organization sent ten women for ten days to visit the United Nations. Following their return home these women spoke to about three thousand people."

There was another aspect of education that struck home to me. At one session an observer from India was expressing her deep feeling about the place of women in national and international affairs, and urging women to make every attempt to obtain positions of influence in their nation. When she had finished speaking a delegate from Finland arose: "We countrywomen of Finland have been organized a long time," she said. "We have made mistakes, but one thing we have learned — our first work is to educate women to the causes which we serve. Once they *know* these they can serve in positions where their knowledge can help make a better world."

I thought of our leadership training schools — of The Training Institutes planned for the fall — would we be as wise as Country Women are in concentrating on training?

A third agent of education is the interest the country women take in educating their youth. They sponsor programs which will help make their boys and girls more effective in their rural life and more content to remain in it.

I see young women neatly dressed in an attractive uniform dress — light blue skirts — white blouses, acting as ushers and guides. They took part joyfully and with evident interest in the work of the older women. I thought of C.G.I.T. girls — the younger members of the W.M.S. family.

Family Life

Those who belong to the country — who know country life; know how close family life is. It is an economic necessity that members work together — but working together draws them together in a closeness that is an influence for a lifetime. The delegates to this conference of Countrywomen recognize the influence that the wife and mother exerts in the rural life of any nation.

Did you note that one of the discussion groups was labelled Education of rural youth and the part of the family in training for world understanding? Once again we realized that firm foundations were laid — these women began at home to practice understanding of each other.

It was from comments made by judges and writers of an essay contest sponsored by the A.C.W.W. that an observer could get a peek into the meaning of rural family life . . . for the essays were written on rural life. Commenting on all the entries the judges said that they realized the variety and the happiness of rural homes all over the world. The first prize winner was a lady in Finland. About her entry the judge wrote: "The essay presents a fine philosophy and sense of humanity which makes it quite outstanding."

Of an American essay they said that they realized this writer liked rural life, that they accepted the problems with humor and never let the trials dull the beauty of the life they lived.

A Canadian essay brought the comment — "We appreciate the touch of happy family life."

A Dutch lady writing about her entry said: "I am in love with my home and I loved telling about it."

These and other comments were read at the session when the winners were announced. The fact that they were read made an observer realize that countrywomen do not minimize either the beauty or the importance of family life.

Sharing

Since the whole reason for the conference was sharing — ideas, plans, fellowship, you will realize why it struck your observer as important. I suppose any conference is designed to achieve some amount of such sharing — but when you heard the delegates discuss how they might study and work to make effective the sharing of food and clothing, for example, you realize they meant what they said and it was not a hand-out program they discussed — it was how they could share in such a way that all the countries of the world might have the gifts of nature by means of trade and by means of better production. There was no feeling of one group of nations saying to another "Here, be pleased to take this and be grateful". That day, as in Missions, is gone forever. The Countrywomen believe that everyone works equally to solve the problems of the world's material.

(Here I was reminded of international Missions Conferences and the plea for understanding and cooperation among nations in sharing the service of Jesus Christ.)

And there was another sense of sharing discussed—one which made me believe that we Canadians have caused to be ashamed and cause to seek to do better. A lovely little lady from Lebanon in speaking of women's share in national affairs, said that ever since Lebanon had achieved nationalism, women felt that the problems must be shared with the men. Feeling thus, expressing their feelings, they eargerly gave their share of responsibility. The same fact is true in Ceylon — and India's women are being called upon to share in the growth and development of the nation's affairs.

Learning about others, seeking to understand one another's problems, seeking to improve home life, planning how best to serve their homeland, and the world organization for peace. These were in their relationship to the theme of greater international understanding. As I sat with these women, I felt that a spirit of oneness prevailed. Women from all walks of life, from many creeds and tongues were meeting together, speaking one language — the language of brotherly love — and they were finding that love and understanding overcame differences, that they could work together and live together and hope together.

Change in Annual Report

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS

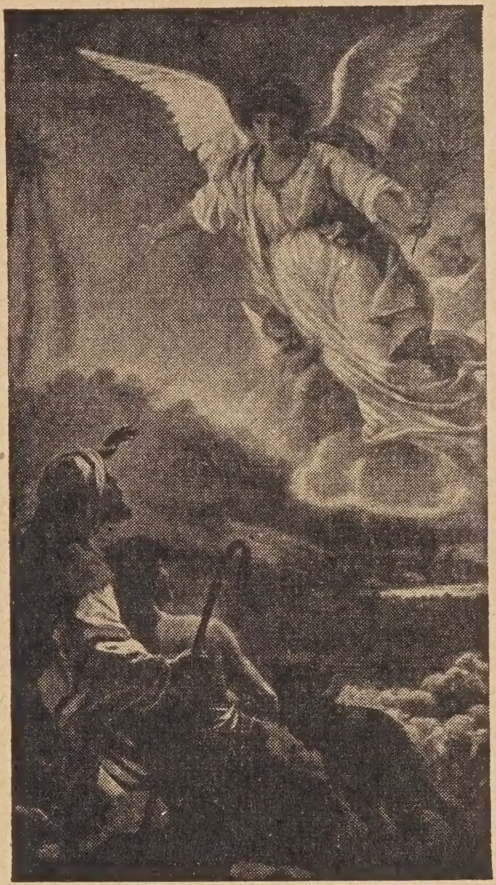
prepared by (Mrs. A. R.) Muriel L. McMurrich

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."

Leader:

While Shepherds tended to their flocks
Upon a lonely hill
An angel suddenly appeared
And bade them to be still.
He told them of the joyous news
That blest all men on earth,
He told to them the story of
The little Christ child's birth.
The shepherds went to Bethlehem
And in a stable saw
The Infant sleeping peacefully
Upon his bed of straw.
And at this holy Christmas time
May we who love Him know
The perfect joy the Shepherds knew
So many years ago.

By James J. Metcalfe.



Hymn No. 171 – "Hark the herald angels sing."

Scripture Reading: by one appointed, or else responsively, St. Luke's gospel, chapter one, verses 46 to 55.

And Mary said "My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his hand maiden for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call be blessed. For he that is mighty hath glorified me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away.

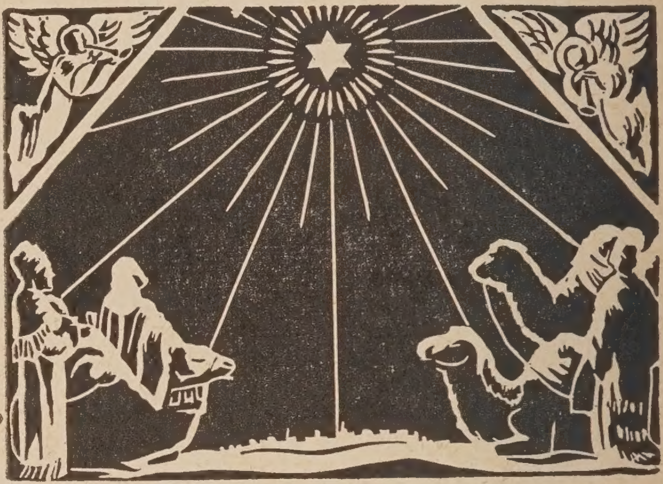
He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to His seed forever."

Hymn 174 – "O come, all ye faithful."

Leader:

"The Star of Bethlehem first shone against a dark night. The Prince of Peace came to an earth torn by war and racial hatreds – yet the darkness of nineteen centuries could not master that Light. Nor can the black-outs imposed by evil forces today extinguish the hope, faith and love kindled by the Divine Flame. Its radiance will glow as a beacon to guide mankind in the way of justice and peace.



Leader – or one appointed.

Praise and thanksgiving should be the key-notes of our Christmas preparation and prayer its inspiration. As the season approaches we think more and more of what we can give to those we love – Near and far go our gifts and greetings, our cards and good wishes– We plan for decorations, Christmas trees, family gatherings, Church services and Sunday school treats. When we feel a bit of concern as to whether we are spending too much money we comfort ourselves with the thought that the vast Christmas trade is giving employment to a great many people. But what of the precious spiritual gifts "without money and without price?" Do we hear beyond the beautiful Christmas music the sad tones from the greatest human suffering this world has ever known? Do we heed the crying of millions of little children in other lands–sick, hungry, orphaned and homeless? Have we recognized the harsh strains that arise from war, revolution, industrial and international misunderstands? It is only as we "thing on these things" and expend ourselves more in sympathy and individual sacrifice making our offerings worthy to be gifts laid on the altar of God that we can truly commemorate the birthday of this dear and only Son our Saviour in this year 1953.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace —

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever."

Isaiah 9 — verses 6 and 7.

Closing Prayer — The Apostles' Creed — all standing — Let us pray —

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell: the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: the Holy Catholic Church: the communion of Saints: the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction:

"Now to Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour by glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever — Amen.

Epistle of Jude — verse 25.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

By Reverend F. C. Knox.

Mr. Knox tells of a union of Churches in North India. Mr. and Mrs. Knox have just returned to the Bhil Field, India.

IN 1904 all the Presbyterian Missions that were working in India came under one General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, but in 1910 the Synod of South India of this Presbyterian Church separated from the All-India General Assembly so that it could start union negotiations with other Churches. This union was consummated in 1947. The Presbyterian Church while continuing its work was also engaged in negotiations for union with other Churches, especially with the General Aikya of the Congregational Churches in western India and this union was also consummated much earlier in 1924. This is how the United Church of Northern India came into being.

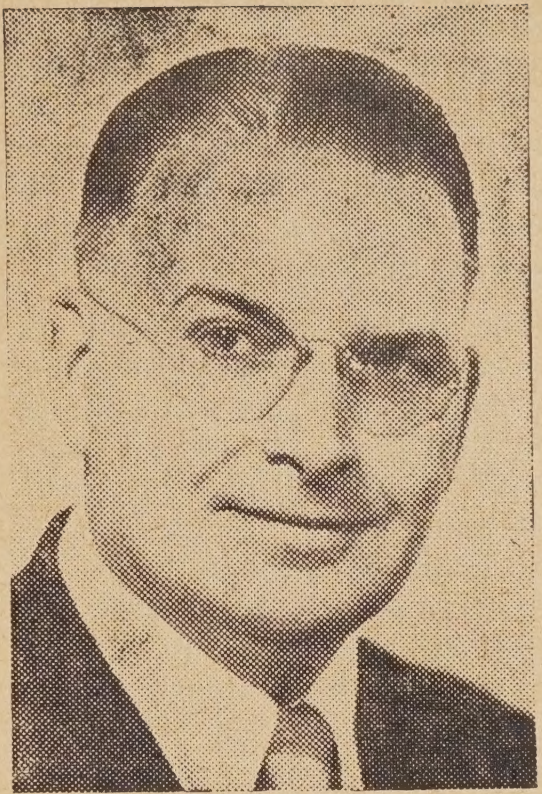
This Church now controls the work of eleven foreign Missionary Societies, namely, the American Presbyterian Mission, the American Marathi Mission, the Church of Scotland Mission, American Evangelical Mission, United Church of Canada Mission, Irish Presbyterian Mission, Welsh Presbyterian Mission, New Zealand Presbyterian Mission, English Presbyterian Mission, Canadian Presbyterian Mission (which united in 1944) and London Missionary Society (Bengal) (which united in 1945).

The United Church of Northern India has a Confession of Faith which is in harmony with our Westminster Confession. Ministers, licentiates and elders must subscribe this Confession but that does not mean that the doctrinal standards of the parent churches are rejected. On the contrary, the U.C.N.I. commends them—especially the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Welsh Calvinistic Confession of Faith and the Confessions and Canons of the Synod of Dort — as worthy exponents of the Word of God, and as systems of doctrine to be taught in our Churches and Seminaries.

"The Church numbers 100,000 communicant members and a total community of about 400,000.

The work of the U.C.N.I. is carried on through Church Courts — the first Court is the session of a local organized congregation, these being 1,200 organized congregations. The next court is a Church Council (Presbytery) gathered together from 15 to 50 organized congregations. There are 25 Church Councils or Presbyteries in the U.C.N.I. A Synod is composed of 3 to 6 Presbyteries on a State linguistic area. There are 6 such Synods and the Supreme governing Court of all these is the General Assembly of the U.C.N.I.

The General Assembly of the U.C.N.I. has its own property and Trust Fund holding association recognized by the Government under the Indian Companies Act of 1913. It is called the U.C.N..I. Trust Association.



The detailed working out of the Church work is being carried on through standing committees of the various Church Courts. The General Assembly itself has 24 such Standing Committees. The Church at present is also engaged in carrying on negotiations with some of the larger Churches in Northern India for an organic union, under one organization."

Home Mission work has been carried on for some time by some of the Churches making up the U.C.N.I. and one of these churches to my knowledge has sent workers abroad to Africa. A new development is now taking place. The U.C.N.I. as such is sending forth its first missionaries to a foreign land. East Africa has been selected as the area in which the Mission work is to be done. The young man who has responded to the call and has offered to go is Rev. Pujare Lall Khazan Singh. He is a graduate of Forman Christian College. He was in the Army "Y" for three years in Iraq. He finished his theological course in Saharanjur Seminary in 1952.

The Y.M.C.A. at Nairobi, in Kenya, have asked that our missionary should work partly in conjunction with them, starting an Asian Branch which will give him valuable contacts and a centre of work, with accommodation provided for himself and the wife whom he hopes to marry before leaving India. The Kirk-Session of St. Andrew's (Church of Scotland) Church at Nairobi, with the full support of its Presbytery, has invited our Missionary to be associated with that Church while he is in Kenya. The Lord seems to be preparing the way for these young missionaries into what we trust will be a very fruitful field of labour. Mr. Khazan Singh is now visiting the various Presbyterials of our U.C.N.I. telling of the work to which he has given himself preparatory to his sailing for Africa about September of this year.

We are happy indeed that our church on the Bhil Field is co-operating most heartily with other Presbyteries of the U.C.N.I. in sending these first missionaries abroad with the saving Gospel of the Grace of God.

Pray that God may continue to guide and bless these missionaries and crown their efforts with success.

FROM WORLD CHURCH NEWS

An unusual youth conference was held at Apeldoorn in the Netherlands last week. It was called by Princess Wilhelmina, former Queen of the Netherlands, and was held in her palace. Miss Jean Fraser, director of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, and other leaders of world youth organizations were in attendance, as well as representatives from many European countries. The conference issued a plea that Christian youth organizations throughout the Continent co-operate in promoting ecumenical solidariy among Europe's new generation. It also stressed the urgent desirability of holding annual meetings of European youth representatives for consultation on present problems and on Europe's task in the world.

OBSERVANCE

1953 DAY OF PRAYER IN CANADA

By ERNESTINE R. WHITESIDE
Editor, THE LINK AND VISITOR, the magazine
of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society

Once more we are happy to report progress in the observance of the World Day of Prayer in Canada. The intangible spiritual benefits cannot be assessed, but the high purpose of the Day is increasingly cherished and promoted from coast to coast. The number of centres where services are held and the contributions made are tangible and significant.

In 1952 it was possible to allot $28,950.00 chiefly to the production and distribution of Christian literature throughout the world. In 1953 it was possible to allot $31,350.00, an increase of $2,400.00. Last year these contributions represented 2,388 centres across Canada. At the time of writing, the number for 1953 is not available, but welcome letters have come in, such as these from Gambo, Newfoundland, and Roseland, Ont., from which we quote:

"This is the first meeting of its kind ever held here. There is no resident clergy and it was our (Salvation Army) first year. Previously I have greatly enjoyed the services, so I wished to continue. I met what women I could from the Church of England and United congregations, and for a beginning and a small community, I think it was a success. We had 55 women in attendance and three congregations taking part."

"This is the first time a Women's World Day of Prayer service has been planned for this suburban area. It was through the thoughtfulness of our rector's wife in contacting other faiths and organizing that this service was brought to us. The plan for future years, God willing, is that each Church in turn will sponsor the service."

A distinctive feature in the Council's planning for 1953 was the provision of our Canadian service in Braille for the blind. A moving letter of appreciation was received from Rev. Grover Livingstone, Chaplain to the Gravenhurst Sanitorium, who is himself dependent on Braille:

"For perhaps 15 years I have tried each year to help groups of women in the Sanatorium to observe the service. It has always been a notable religious experience with the patients in rooms and wards becoming part of the great company keeping the day. To help them do it, I had to have the service in my own hands, and the only way I could do that was to copy it out myself into Braille. But this year when the printed orders of service came along, with them was the copy in Braille! and the long, expensive, and laborious task of copying was not necessary. . . . The service was again a great highlight and I found it the best of any we have had. Its African character did something for us. It was that Africans were helping us to pray."

For 1953 a double leaflet was sent out for the help of leaders, entitled "Pathways Through Time", which combined a history of the Day of Prayer movement and the material previously given in "What Your Money Does". This year "What Your Money Does" will be again a separate leaflet and will be sent out with a revised "Planning for the Day of Prayer" leaflet. The history, brought up to date, will be available on request. The poster is being reprinted with more space for giving the time and place of meeting. This material, as the services, is to be had at the office of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, 97 St. George St., Toronto. Copies of the first two mentioned leaflets will go out with the President's letter in the fall, and also with each packet of services. The point to guard is that "What Your Money Does" reaches the hands of the speaker of the day and in good time.

While some centres report ever-growing attendance and interest, others see their gatherings diminish and confined only to missionary minded-women rather than representing those of the whole Church. One letter deplored the ease with which many of our Christian women give secular events precedence over this one world-wide uniting of Christian women in prayer in the year; and they contrast that attitude with the sacrifice and endurance of women on our mission fields who cheerfully walk miles to attend, often carrying babies on their backs and leading little children, to spend a day in prayer rather than one short hour. A speaker in a Montreal meeting said this of the last Day of Prayer service she had attended in China:

"In spite of Communist soldiers guarding the entrance with fixed bayonets, the women packed the church, many standing even out of doors. These brave women carried on knowing full well that each one who took part was marked as a leader by the soldiers.

"Prayer was meaningful to them."

One centre told of contacting members of women's secular groups. Ottawa plans to open a fourth large church for the noon-hour service for business and professional women that has met with so much acceptance, and is taking thought for the rapidly growing suburban districts.

It was good to find reference in letters to early and earnest preparation for services, especially from the spiritual standpoint. From Port Blandford, Newfoundland, and from Brantford, Ont., came these notes:

"The women taking part met together to practise the hymns and to prepare themselves in prayer."

"Prior to the planning meeting, I invite to my home the key women that we may have prayer and talk over plans."

Only careful and prayerful preparation on the part of the leaders can save the service from being merely a mechanical exercise and lift it to be an experience of vital Christian fellowship such as was reported from Halifax, N.S.:

"This year's service was very beautiful. The 650 or more women present were very conscious of the presence with us of our Heavenly Father. Women of the Anglican Church were in charge and the service was held in lovely old St. Paul's, the oldest Protestant church in Canada. Women from all other denominations assisted. Mrs. W. P. Oliver, wife of the minister of the Baptist church here for our coloured folk, gave a most challenging address, using the theme for the day . . . The World Day of Prayer Movement is wonderful, is it not?"

A small, practical, but extremely important factor in planning has to do with women's voices being heard. One leader of a large city group said: "I know our women. I make sure that only those are chosen to lead in prayer who can and will make themselves clearly heard." So often the speaker thinks she is being heard, when in reality only those in the first few rows hear anything. Too much care cannot be taken to test the carrying power of the voices of those who take part in relation to the room or auditorium. The installing of a loud speaker does not overcome this difficulty in itself. Someone must be constantly on the alert to adjust the microphone to the speaker and to receive signals from different sections of the gathering to be sure the instrument is fully effective.

Many subjects touched on in 1953 letters claim attention here: the formation of permanent committes undertaking a definite piece of inter-church work in small places; the developing concern of permanent committees in our large cities; expressions of gratitude from distant fields for gifts received to help meet desperate need. And we would like to thank in this public way the many church women in Toronto who so cheerfully volunteer service in packing and mailing services and literature at the peak of demand. But space is at a premium this year because a request was made in the Council that the customary report to our women's missionary magazines not only look back over 1953 but forward in anticipation of 1954.

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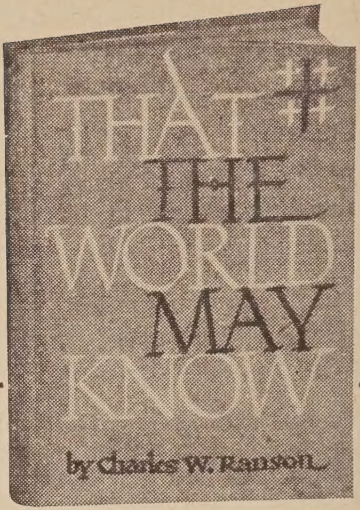
Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.



That the world may know that Thou has sent me and hast loved them even as Thou has loved me.
—John 17:23

IN previous months on this page and in the Book List attention has been directed to the books and materials on the 1953-54 theme—"The Life and Task of the Church Around the World". This month we mention particularly a reading book for adults—THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW by Charles W. Ranson. Obviously no one is better able, through his own intimate knowledge of the world mission of the Church, and his ability to pass on that knowledge to others, to write of how the world has learned and is learning of Christ's love, than is Dr. Charles W. Ranson, Secretary of the International Missionary Council.

The following words from the prologue give us the purpose of the book as seen by the author—"Some ask earnestly—if a trifle plaintively—whether, in view of what has happened, in China and what may happen elsewhere in Asia or in Africa, we can continue to conceive the task of the Church in world terms. This book is written in the conviction that the world is one and the Christian task indivisible. Its central theme is that the Church exists *that the world may know* Jesus Christ. This mission gives to the Church its meaning and to every Christian his marching orders. It must be seen today in the context of a divided world and as the task of a Church that is universal. The battle for Christian faith must be joined along the whole indivisible front of the world's life . . . I pray that this book may help those who read it to see more clearly the meaning and relevance of Christ's mission in the world today, and, perchance to hear Him say once more: *As the Father has sent me, even so send I you.*"

Carrying out this stated purpose Dr. Ranson proceeds to point to "the things which cannot be shaken", in the midst of "contemporary perplexity". Briefly, but clearly, he traces the historical development of the Church, mentioning the pioneers who kindled the flame of missionary enthusiasm, how that flame spread, and how through faithful witnesses a "worldwide Church" has come into being. From his own experiences Dr. Ranson relates interesting incidents which are indicative of the "worldwideness" of the Church. He warns against romanticism in thinking of the universal Church and the need to face its limitations, to look at the Christian prospect in the new frontiers to be conquered, and the need to become aware of the things the Church must do today—the need to be prepared to take risks like the gallant pioneers, to co-operate with Christians throughout the world, and to be strengthened by the "unconquerable hope".

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW will be of invaluable help to leaders of all groups and will give to all adults a clear and impressive vision of the life and task of the Church around the world.

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW by Charles W. Ransom $1.25

Observance World Day of Prayer — *Concluded*

This it is easier to do than it would have been in recent years when the annual service has been prepared by a committee. The 1954 service was written by one woman, a great Christian leader in her own country of India, who has also become a world figure by her great force of character and unique qualities, Miss Sarah Chakko. Miss Chakko is president of Isabella Thoburn College in Locknow, India, and the one woman vice-president of the World Council of Churches. As giving a personal interest to the service we shall be using next year, we know that many women will welcome some insight into the personality of the writer, the influences that shaped her early life and the steps by which she came to her present place of honour and responsibility. For the material presented we are indebted to a fine article by Harold Ehrensperger in "The Christian Century".

Instead, however, of over-weighting this article, it would seem wiser to have the sketch of Miss Chakko follow later as we draw nearer to the time of service, so we close with this word from the report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. H. Soward, given at the May Council meeting:

"Long ago Madame De Stael wrote: 'To pray together in whatever tongue or ritual is the most tender brotherhood of hope and sympathy that men can contact in this Life.' Today the World Day of Prayer joyously breathes forth that truth into a troubled world."

You and Your Auxiliary

At the last annual Council meeting, many interesting facts regarding the finances of the Society were presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Pye. The Organization Department's Senior Work Committee felt that the adult membership should be acquainted with such facts. As a result, this article and others to appear later were prepared.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FINANCES

An Analysis of 1952 Contributions

Total contributions from Society members during 1952 amounted to $221,742.36, an increase of $13,730.84 over those of 1951.

The percentages contributed by the various departments are shown in the 'pie" chart below. The bar Chart shows average contributions of members in the departments.

DISTRIBUTION
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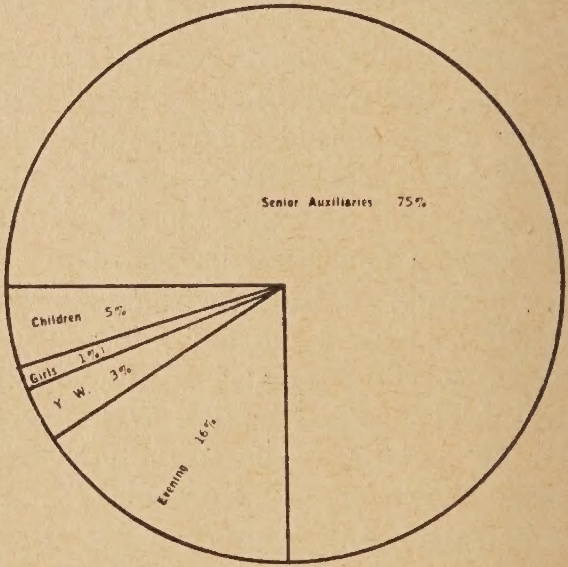
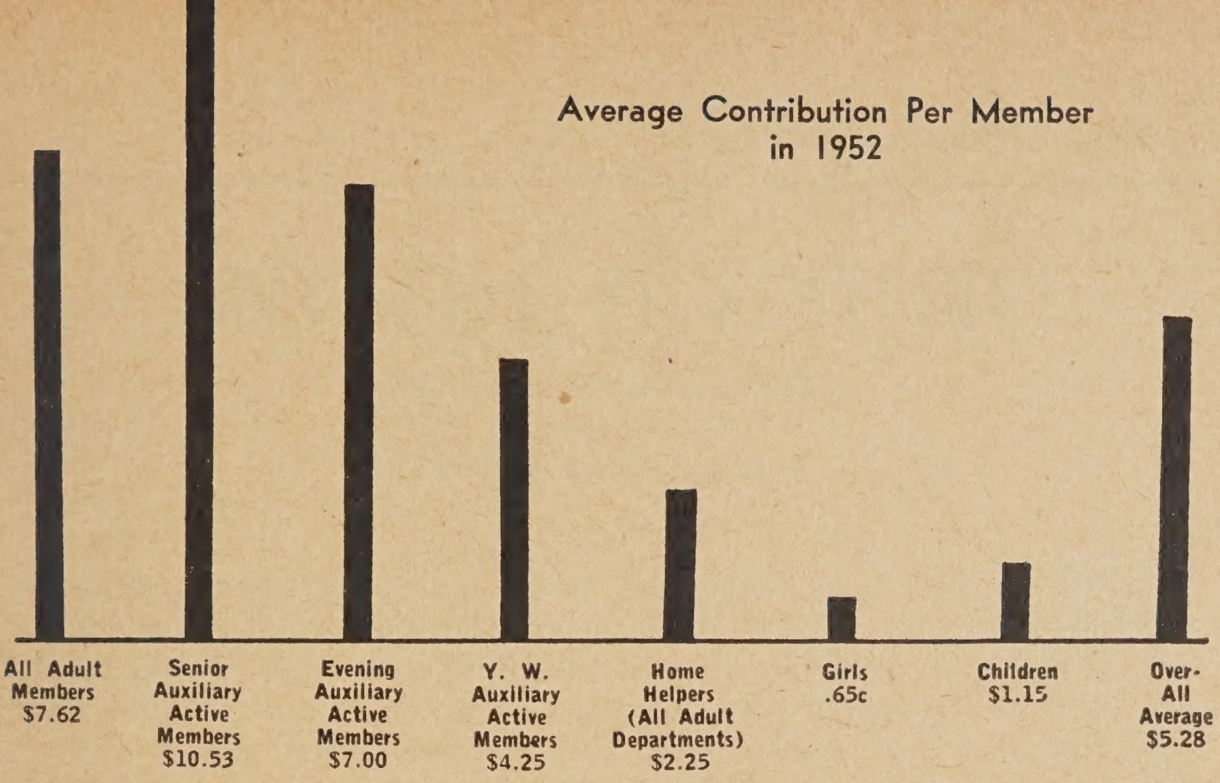


A Look at 1953

The total allocation (based on an estimate of actual requirements) for 1953 is $237,000.00 which will require increased givings of $15,257.64 over 1952. Spread over the total membership (42,007) of the Society, this increase is pitifully small compared to the increased need of the world for this message which we have to proclaim.

The figures on the next page show the distribution of this allocation to the various Synodicals within the Society and the amount received by our treasurer as at September 30th.


Average Contribution Per Member in 1952

DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOCATIONS BY SYNODICALS

British Columbia	$ 10,370.00	$ 3,500.00
Alberta	8,485.00	2,995.91
Saskatchewan	5,555.00	1,899.97
Manitoba	8,115.00	3,416.29
Hamilton and London	76,910.00	35,696.00
Toronto and Kingston	84,300.00	33,132.13
Montreal and Ottawa	43,265.00	20,050.00
	$237,000.00	$100,690.30

Recognizing the tremendous need of the world today, such facts as these should surely lead our adult members to a serious self-examination of our responsibilities as Christians. They should lead us to ask ourselves such questions as these:

- Are my contributions determined by my responsibility as a Christian, my givings of last year, or the least I can "get away with" in comparison with what my fellow members give?
- Is an average giving of $7.62 per adult member an adequate contribution for the women of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society to offer to the Christian cause entrusted to us?
- Is it sufficient for our Society — for my Auxiliary — to raise its allocation (an amount merely sufficient to carry on existing work with practically no provision for advance)?
- What is my personal responsibility for the work of the Women's Missionary Society? What is the responsibility of my Auxiliary?

CHRISTMAS IN YOUR EYES

A Christian Meditation for Girls

By MRS. JOHN A. ROSS

HAVE you ever gone home for Christmas by train? What crowds of people there are in the big stations! — everyone with luggage, bundles, and parcels, tired from shopping. One Christmas I bought my ticket early, and the train was late. To pass the weary time I began to size up everyone in sight: six college boys clowning, a worried mother keeping track of two wandering children, streams of travellers moving between little islands of luggage. Nobody was paying any attention to anyone else. There were hundreds of different expressions, most of them blank and self-centred, tense, irritable, and tired. Very few looked harsh or mean but everyone seemed preoccupied with his own thoughts. All of a sudden an attractive woman appeared from between two groups in front of me. I had never seen her before but, as our eyes met, her face lighted up in immediate response. It did not seem anything but natural when we exchanged greetings as though we had been old friends. Shortly she passed along, but I have never forgotten her smile and those friendly, snapping brown eyes. I wish I had gotten to know that woman. She was the only one I saw who had Christmas in her eyes.

Now that I think about it, there are a number of people I know who have Christmas in their eyes all year round. There is one man whose glance seems to shine the light of his inner joy upon you. He wants the very best for you. He is always writing the most wonderful letters to people who cannot imagine why he concerns himself with them. Everyone loves him because he really cares about them. He gives himself away in love and helpfulness. Wherever he is, it is always Christmas.

And there is a girl in her teens — if you see her at a distance you would not say that she is very beautiful to look at. But she has more real friends of all ages than any young person I know. No wonder! All the radiance of Christmas shines through her eyes any time of the year. She holds her class of small boys spellbound, for when she teaches them, her face just glows with lovingness from within.

The remarkable thing about people like her is not that they are smiling and vivacious when they talk to you. The world is full of smart, attractive persons who make a great impression on you by their gay manner. But watch their faces sag when they think no one is looking! Those who have Christmas in their eyes have joy that abides when no one is present. It is Christmas with them because Jesus has been born into their lives. They love with His love, and they help with His strength. You want to get to know them for the same reason that folks came for miles to speak to the Man who brought Christmas to the world. Untold millions through the centuries have been drawn to Him. He is alive in the hearts of His friends today, and they are the ones who hold the bonds of the love of God. Watch for these people with Christmas in their eyes. They have the secret of charming living — they have Christ.

PRAYER

We thank Thee, O Lord, for bringing the wonders of Christmas to the world and into the hearts of those who have received Thy Son. At this season of gay lights, shine Thy light of love through us that we may be lights to those who sit in darkness.

"O holy Christ of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today."

Amen.

SOMETHING TO MAKE

FOR YOUR SHUT-IN FRIENDS

by Mrs. W. N. Ferguson

HELLO boys and Girls — Have you any shut-ins in your neighbourhood? If so would you like to make a gift for them?

For those who are bedridden a handi-holder would be nice, to keep notepaper, envelopes and pencil at hand. The finished holder can be tied to the head of the bed or pinned to the mattress at the side of the pillow. You make it like this. (Any kind of colour of material is suitable.)

1 piece of material 12" x 10"
1 piece of material 12" x 6"

bias tape to go all around and enough for ties at the top corners, (2 to 2½ yards).

Hem along the top of the 12" edge on the smallest piece; lay the two pieces together and bind all around with bias tape. The smaller piece makes a pocket and it should be divided into three and stitched thus:

a 6½" place for a writing pad

a 1" place for a pencil — and

a 3½" place for a package of envelopes.

(You may even like to put stamps on the envelopes.)

For those who are more or less chair-ridden a snack tray might prove easier to handle than a cup and saucer and a plate. For this you will need:

1 square cake tin — 8x8x1"

1 jam jar lid (large enough to hold a tumbler)

glue

small amount of paint.

Buy a cheap tin at the 5 and 10c store. Glue the jam lid in one corner. When the glue hardens, paint the whole in whatever paint is available. If it is not washable paint, finish with a coat of shellac. Decals can be put on the tray for added interest, and a plastic tumbler can be put in place in a contrasting colour. (a round pie tin would do too).

If pine cones and evergreens are available in your community winter corsages and Christmas decorations are fairly simple to make. The cones can be painted with silver or gilt or even with rubber base paints in pastel shades. Small cones, wired together in groups of five or six with a red bow and a piece of evergreen make a corsage, while the larger cones painted and tied with a long loop of coloured ribbon or cord make attractive decorations for tree, door or mantel.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man
I would do my part —
Yet what can I give Him?
Give my heart!

— Christina Rossetti

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL

The "W.M.S. Family" took charge of a Sunday Service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Tisdale.** Mrs. L. Cresswell, president of the Senior group conducted the service and told of some of the work the Society does in Canada. Mrs. D. Bethune of the Elena MacKay Evening Auxiliary led in prayer. Muriel Hamilton and Mary Argall represented the Girls' Auxiliary and read the Scripture lessons. Joan Kresse and Darlene Saures of the Mission Band sang "God Careth for You". Beverley Saures, representing the Explorers Group gave a splendid story on the life and work of Mary Slessor, an African Missionary. Audrey Roed and Sandra Elliott, also Explorers, took up the collection.

The Happy Helpers Mission Band of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church **Tisdale,** have sent as their missionary project, wash cloths and soap to Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port Receptionist at Montreal.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. MarKs St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Members and friends of **Melita** Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society had a real treat at their meeting when Reverend David Tan, a native of Formosa and recent graduate of Knox College, addressed them.

Mr. Tan, who was introduced by his classmate, Reverend W. A. Douglas, minister of the Church, gave a picture of the country and its people, and particularly of the Church members and the work being done by our missionaries, which was very enlightening and inspiring. He stressed the fact that although there might not be anything spectacular about it, he felt that the foundations were solid.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—Post-war conditions have provided an unparalleled opportunity for Christian missionary work in Formosa, the Reverend James Dickson, former missionary of the Presbyterian Church in that field, told a meeting of Superior Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church. The guest speaker has been a missionary 26 years in Formosa and is now on furlough from Taipei, Formosa.

In his talk, Mr. Dickson stated that within the past five years many new Presbyterian Churches have been built in this Mission field and that most of these are among the Aboriginal tribes. Many are now earnest Christians and assisted in building the new Churches.

Mr. Dickson took for his text "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me." "Today's problem," he said, "is one of education. The Japanese ruled Formosa for 51 years and during that time established Japanese schools, teaching the children to read and write in that language. Now the Chinese want Mandarian taught and the missionaries are at work with the Wycliffe School of translators in Ohio, translating the Bible in preparation for printing in five new languages. "There was urgent need," he said, "of getting the Bible to these people in a language they can read." There are 400 Presbyterian Churches on the island of Formosa, including those of the Chinese. The goal is 1000 churches within the next ten years.

The meeting was an open one, held in St. Andrew's Church **Fort William,** with Mrs. George P. Stirrett presiding and the devotional period was in charge of Reverend J. A. McMahon.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — **Dresden** Auxiliary quilted a quilt at their September meeting for their bale.

Valetta Auxiliary had a splendid turn-out for their first fall gathering. Their Evening Auxiliary is also an active group and both are confident of reaching their allocations by free will offerings.

Knox **Windsor** held their Annual Missionary Tea and Baked Goods Sale.

The Alexander Bartlet W.M.S. **Windsor** reported 65 summer calls at homes and hospitals, and a nice letter from Miss Isobel Mc Connell of India. They also planned an October rummage sale at their first fall meeting.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Wilhelm Weirda, formerly of Holland, opened her home for a summer meeting in **Carluke** at which Mrs. D. Munro of **Hamilton** was guest speaker. This meeting of St. Paul's Sr. Auxiliary was in charge of girls of the congregation.

Mrs. D. M. Allan of **Hamilton** spoke at the meeting of **Alberton** Sr. Auxiliary which was quite a family meeting. The guests included babies and grandmothers.

The Margaret Pirie Evening Auxiliary of Knox, **Dundas,** opened their fall season with a Pot-Luck supper followed by their meeting.

The Ruby Walker Y.W.A. of St. Enoch's **Hamilton,** enjoyed films and a talk by Mr. C. C. Johnston on Hudson Bay area and the Eskimos.

Mrs. W. I. McLean was guest speaker at Erskine Sr. Auxiliary, **Hamilton.**

Summer meetings were popular in the rural Auxiliaries.

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LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Women's Missionary Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Bresbyterian Church celebrated their sixty-first anniversary on Tuesday afternoon, August 18th, 1953, with one hundred and seven signing the guest book. The president, Miss Agnes Dickson and Mrs. (Rev.) W. Jackson received the guests. Mrs. Charles McInnes gave an historical sketch of the Auxiliary, which was organized at **Fenelon Falls** on April 4th, 1892 with a membership of seventeen. One year later Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Dickson organized an auxiliary at **Bury's Green.** This society celebrated their 60th anniversary earlier this summer.

In the same year, 1893, the Women's Missionary Society formed a Mission Band under the leadership of Miss A. Rutherford. Miss Rutherford, now Mrs. Brien of **Essex,** Ontario, is the only surviving member of the earlier years. On April 6th, 1914, the Auxiliary held their last meeting as the Women's Foreign Missionary Society on their twenty-second birthday. Over this period of years thirty-seven members have been made life members. There have been twelve presidents. The society has had the pleasure of organizing two Young Women's groups, one in 1924 with Miss Anne Martin (Now Mrs. A. McGillivery of Vancouver, B.C.) as president. In 1934 this group joined the Senior Auxiliary. On February 27, 1951, the Agnes Dickson Evening Department was formed with Mrs. M. Lawrence as President.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale of **Montreal** was guest speaker at the Anniversary. She was introduced by Mrs. Frank Brown. Mrs. Leatherdale is a hospital visitor in **Montreal** and gave a most inspiring address on her work, illustrated by interesting incidents. Everyone received a new insight into the importance and far-reaching effects of this part of our W.M.S. activities.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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MONTREAL AND OTTAWA — Synodical Society of the W.M.S. embarked on a new adventure during the last week in August. This was a Leadership-Training Camp for members of the W.M.S. Evening Department, Young Women's Associations and leaders of Girls' work and Mission Bands. Plans were started when the Synodical Society agreed to accept the offer of the Camp Board, of the use of the camp on beautiful Lake St. Francis, for five days beginning August 24th.

A survey made by Miss Ruby Walker had shown that one great need in our work was for trained leaders. Miss Walker conducted the Camp, while a committee under Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood of **Winchester,** looked after the publicity. Provision was made for Mothers of small children to bring them along. Two older girls, Elizabeth and Pascale Jassinet from **Montreal,** looked after the children during discussion periods. The children played happily together, and it was felt that it had been a happy thought to have them there.

The outdoor rustic Chapel of the Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp was the setting for the daily morning devotions of the Leadership-training camp. Here, Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair of **Ottawa,** led in worship. Through her vivid word pictures, all were carried in fancy to far away Biblical lands and Scriptural teachings became very real. Following devotional period the campers divided into groups, according to their special interests. Mrs. J. Anderson of **Petawawa** led the discussions on children's work. Her interest and enthusiasm in this and other fields of Church work was an inspiration to all. Mrs. Hinke of **Montreal** led discussions on Girls' work. Mrs. Baker, Synodical President, Miss Cole, **Montreal** Presbyterial President, and Miss Ruby Walker led discussions on adult work. Everyone entered wholeheartedly into the discussions which covered a wide field: knotty points in the constitution, conducting executive meetings, raising money, getting people to take part, duties of Officers, etc. Evening sessions included demonstrations of different ways of present worship and study periods. One such was the enacting of a chapter from the New Study Book. Another was a worship period in which each part was a hymn. Such programmes call for more careful preparation, but show their value in the increased interest aroused.

An added, unexpected feature was a trip into **Lancaster** to attend an afternoon tea put on by the ladies of the Church. The following evening the visit was returned, when a number of girls from **Lancaster** joined our evening session and assisted in the programme. This was "Family Night" at camp and the programme represented each group, Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and W.M.S.

At the close of the week it was felt that each member had been richly rewarded. In addition to a pleasant holiday, new friends had been made, new insight into the work of the Society had been gained, problems had been shared, and new ideas resulted. Many societies throughout **Montreal** and **Ottawa** Synodical will be the richer this coming season because they had representatives at the Leadership-Training Camp.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Glengarry Presbyterial W.M.S. held a story-telling contest for Teen-age Girls at St. John's Presbyterian Church, **Cornwall.** This contest brought a number of contestants from different congregations throughout the district. Those who took part had been the winners of local contests previously held in their own centres.

Mrs. Alpin A. MacGregor, Presbyterial President, welcomed the contestants and guests. Those taking part in the contest were Jean MacMillan, **Finch;** Helen Renfrew, **St. Elmo;** Verna Dalgleish, **Cornwall;** Ann McDougall, **Finch;** Jean McRae, **Lancaster;** Rosemary Empey, **Woodlands;** and Barbara MacLeod, **Dunvegan.** The judges were Mrs. Wilbert Brown, Mrs. Harvey MacMillan, and Mr. Alex Caldwell.

The subject prescribed was "The story of an African missionary." The audience heard of Mackay of Uganda; Mary Slessor of Calabar; Moffat; aggrey; and one of local interest, Miss Susan MacRae. Mr. Caldwell, on behalf of the judges, complimented the efforts of those taking part. The first prize was awarded to Rosemary Empey, who received a handsome Bible and a gold Burning Bush pin; the second prize, a leather bound Book of Praise and a silver pin, went to Barbara MacLeod; and silver pins were presented to the other contestants. It was apparent that this new project of the Presbyterial had aroused a great deal of interest, and it is confidently expected that another year will see it still more successful.

The W.M.S. of Knox Church, **Moose Creek,** held a special meeting to say farewell to Rev. F. C. Knox, (brother of the student minister of **Moose Creek,)** and his wife and two daughters who are returning to the Bhil Field, India, for a further term of service. Mr. W. E. Knox opened the meeting. Words of welcome were extended to all present by Mrs. J. A. Buchanan. Mrs. F.C. Knox spoke of the pleasant time they had spent in Canada, and of the many new friends she had made amongst W.M.S. members. On behalf of the gathering, Mr. W. E. Knox made a presentation of a radio to his brother, who thanked him for the gift, and spoke of the close co-operation betwen the Churches in India and Canada, of the sense of unity of faith and purpose, and of the need for more workers. Words of farewell were given by Mrs. W. J. MacKillican.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of **Gloucester** W.M.S. She gave interesting address on "Missionaries." Mrs. David Henderson presided. Reports were given by the various secretaries.

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 1953

Receipts:

Tyndale House Camp "Miss McKenzies Work in Formosa"	$ 11.00
Holstein Auxiliary "Bhil Field"	5.00
Peace Memorial Camp, "Formosa"	1.50
Westview Church Toronto, "Bhil Field"	15.00
Mrs. Geo. Dawson, Milton, Ontario, Miss Kennedy's Work"	5.00
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	7,575.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	200.00
Refund on hospitalization from Blue Cross	101.64
Wo-shi-lo Group, Grace Church, Calgary "Mrs. Gehman's Work"	10.00
Beaver Flats, Everdell and Bingley Bible Vacation Schools	8.98
Christopher Lake Adult Camp, "Formosa"	7.63
Boys Camp, "Bhil or Jhansi Field"	8.57
Robertson Sunday School, Vancouver, "Support of Child Bhil Field"	50.00
Tyndale House, Bible Vacation School	2.50
Special Gift through Chippawa Auxiliary "Education of Student, Bhil Field"	50.00
First Church, Whitehorse, Yukon, Board of Managers and Interested Friends, "Van Expense"	50.00
Lethbridge C.G.I.T., Group, "Education of Overseas Native Student"	20.00
A Friend "Christian Literature"	1.00
Two Friends "Christian Literature"	50.00
Refund on Insurance	25.49
Annuity rates received from workers	739.05
Amount deducted from Missionaries Salaries on request	605.20
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	2,900.00
Supplies	340.00
Alberta	913.74
Supplies	186.00
Saskatchewan	402.88
Supplies	15.00
Manitoba	215.00
Supplies	50.00
Hamilton and London	3,945.60
Supplies	117.25
Toronto and Kingston	15,013.00
Supplies	2,112.35
Montreal and Ottawa	4,400.00
Supplies	795.50
	$40,948.88

Disbursements:

National Missions:

Chinese in Canada	$ 1,418.28
Hospital Visitors	713.38
Deaconesses	542.49
Children's Centre, Vancouver, Tyndale House	525.15
Port Work	193.91
Van Expenses	556.50
New Missionaries	160.00
Student Deaconesses	121.50
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	529.05
National Contingency	122.15

Indian Schools:

Cecilia Jeffrey	191.66
Cecilia Jeffrey Government Grant	3,885.53
Birtle Government Grant	6,950.10

Overseas Missions:

India, Jhansi	3,351.66
Bhil	7,596.72
Vellore	495.00
Taiwan	4,332.86
British Guinana	937.91
Koreans in Japan	325.00
Training of Nationals	579.50
New Missionaries	1,393.94
Missionaries Expenses	323.98
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	496.00
Overseas Contingency	28.65
Christian Literature	70.00
Publications	1,202.96
Administration	1,269.13
Organization	4,788.90
Supplies	2,374.82
Payments from Special Gifts	177.45
Candidate	32.35
Grants	830.00
Hospitalization and Medical rates	52.00
	$46,568.53

TRUST FUNDS

Receipts:

Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	91.75
Pension Fund	
Interest	254.25
Special Fund	
Interest	56.25
Legacy Fund	
Interest	261.00
Estate of Margaret Wadsworth	500.00
Estate of M. Sthel Rolls through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, King Street, Toronto	1,018.24
Payment on Windermere House	50.00
	$ 2,231.49

Disbursement:

Legacy Fund

Car for Taiwan	1,854.04
Freight on car to India	276.93
Training of seven nurses, Jhansi Field (Special Legacy)	300.00
Medical Student, Ludhiana, (special legacy)	125.00
Stephen Shih, Tuition fees and books, (Special Legacy)	332.00

Peace Thanksgiving Fund

Native teacher, Jhansi Field	135.00
Overseas Missionary, Tuition fees and books	238.50
National Missionary, Tuition fees and books	110.00
New Missionaries, Tuition fees and books	250.00
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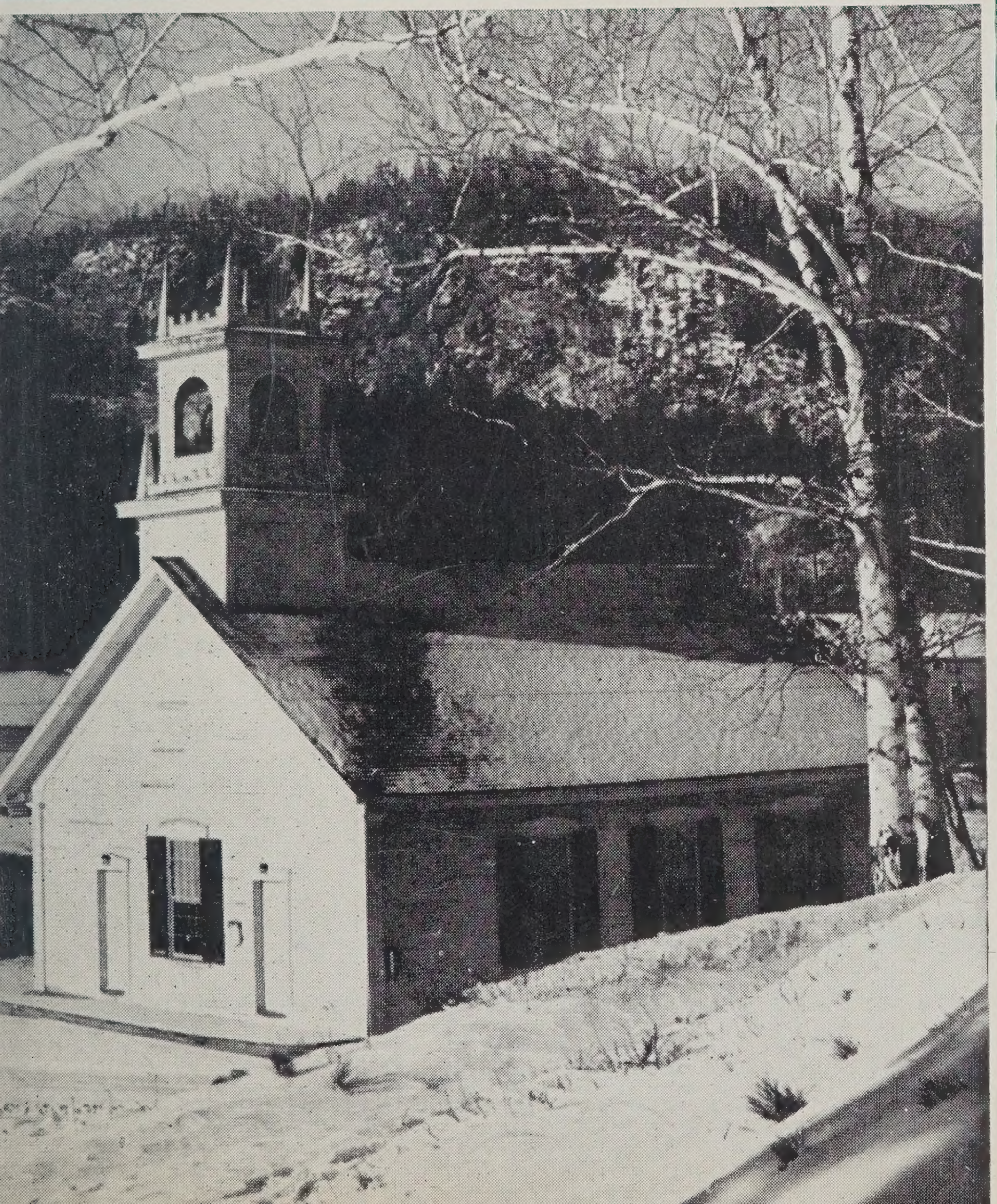

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The Real Meaning of Christmas

By ARTHUR BRYANT

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SOON it will be Christmas. In millions of homes across the country families and kinsmen will sit down together, eat a little more than is good for them and make merry. There will be a light, temporary, yet perceptible all-round rising of the temperature of human kindliness.

What does it all mean? For a minority, Christmas is a religious commemoration, the highlight of the Christian year. For a majority, it is merely a feast and a holiday, and is kept by them because their fathers kept it, because their earliest memories of celebration and family reunion go back to Christmas Day.

The "Christian myth": that is how "clever" men refer to the body of Christian belief out of which the Christmas feast rises. But before we dismiss the "myth" there are certain historical facts which we should do well to remember.

The first is that on a specific day there was born in the manger of a poor inn in Judea a child called Jesus. He was not a prince or a statesman or a warrior. He was not a member of a conquering race; He wrote no book, raised no artistic monument. His years on earth were few and lived out in a poor, obscure, conquered province. He was regarded by cultivated and educated contemporaries as a person of no consequence. As a matter of prosaic history, it is to celebrate this man's birth that we sit down to eat roast fowl and plum pudding. It takes, one might think, a good deal of explanation.

The theological interpretation put by Churches and scholars on Christ's reported words has varied in all ages and varies to this day. What there never has been any doubt about is that those who knew Christ best during His life, and particularly after His terrible and agonizing death, became convinced that He both was and knew Himself to be more than man. He believed He was the Son of God, and He succeeded, in the teeth of every opposition, ridicule and persecution, in communicating that belief to others.

What Jesus did caused men to worship what He was. For what He did created in those who were witness of it — and in those who came to learn of it only by hearsay — a conviction of what He *was*. The conviction was so intense that they regarded His existence on earth as infinitely the most important thing that had ever happened. Not only did they try to alter their own lives — to live, however unsuccessfully, as He had lived — but in many cases they deliberately elected to die as He had died. This is not a myth; it is fully documented history. It happened, and nothing can alter the fact.

For this wonderful man, whom those of us who call ourselves Christians believe to have been more than man, possessed an attribute which we know from our own experience to be utterly beyond the capacity of human nature. He possessed an infinite capacity for love that enabled Him to regard and treat every other being's personality, need and suffering as though they were His own. He did not love only individually and spasmodically, as all human beings at times do, even the worst and most selfish; He loved so much that all human suffering and need mattered to Him.

Moral perfection is incompatible with human nature.

For if a perfect man existed in a world such as ours, he would die of horror and compassion at the terrible things that happen in it every second. However tender and loving, however shaken and moved by the sufferings and tragedies that affect them personally, men and women instinctively close their hearts to other tragedies every whit as great as their own and those immediately around them. A perfect being would not shut his heart in self-protection. He would suffer with others and give himself unceasingly to relieve and succor them.

The whole meaning of Christmas, the miracle of Christ's birth — and death — is that once and once only in human history there was such a being. He so loved His fellow men that His whole life was dedicated without the least alloy of self to the relief and service of all those who stood in need of them.

He left us two commandments: that we should love God — whose nature He revealed to us by His own — with all our being; and that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. However far we are from fulfilling either, we all of us, as a result of Christ's life, come at Christmas for a moment a little nearer to both.

Prayer

Almighty, and Everlasting God, our Father, we adore Thee; we praise Thee; we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. Our unworthiness is forever before us. From Thy hands we have received such great and varied gifts which we have mis-used or failed to use at all — Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Establish in our hearts the true spirit of this glad season. May there be room in all our happiness and joy for Him whom we honour — the Lord of all the earth. Hasten the time when all men and nations may know Him and give to Him the glory due unto His name.' May there be peace in our hearts and in our homes. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy and fear which have brought suffering and death to so many of Thy children. May Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done throughout the world. Amen.

The Innkeeper

He missed it all —
The keeper of that Syrian inn.
He did not mean to,
But the crowds were great, rooms few,
And many guests had gold to give.
Had he not heard "a man must live"?
There was no room for Nazareth folk.

He missed it all —
Though angels sang His lullaby
And listening shepherds praised,
Though wise men came by starlit ways
He was too busy for the angels' song;
He saw no star; he planned no wrong
Against these Nazareth folk.

We, too, may miss it all —
The wonder of His coming,
We may not mean to,
But tasks are many, hours seem few.
Life rushes us with hurrying feet,
While song and star we fail to greet —
May we not slight the Nazareth Guest.

ARTHER E. COWLEY, *in Ministering Women.*

When Miss Helen Bricker spoke to the Council Meeting in May she told about her world-wide trip and her impressions of mission work generally as well as the work being done by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We printed part of her message in July-August. Now we give you her . . .

Fairy Tale Experiences

I REALIZED often when I was on my recent trip and have realized more since my return, just what a fairy-tale experience I have had. It was just as though I had been able to have an Aladdin's lamp complete with a genii, and had my fondest wishes come true. And I know that there are many ladies in the W.M.S. of our church in Canada, who, if they had an Aladdin's lamp, would likely choose to do just what I have done — visit the countries of our mission fields and see our missionaries at work.

If I had the power to do so, there are a thousand and one things I would wish every faithful, loyal W.M.S. lady to see but I could mention only a few, I would like them to be present at a service in the church of Wenchi Kim in Osaka.

There are not many young ministers in our country who would be content to bring a new bride home to two little rooms adjoining the church kitchen, but I was present at the little church service when Wenchi brought his bride to his little manse. There is no doubt about his single-hearted purpose to do the best possible job with the training he has received. And I wish you could have seen his congregation at their little feast of oranges and cakes in honour of his home-coming. There they were, men and boys on one side, women and children on the other, with very few absentees, taking part in prayers and scripture reading and Bible messages, dedicating themselves anew with their young pastor and his wife to the work of Christ in the city of Osaka, Japan. They are very proud of the education he

A Feast to welcome a new bride to a tiny manse.

has received and are rallying around him to further his work.

At Nagoya in Japan, there is your kindergarten group of smiling little black-eyed folk which would gladden all your hearts. Set in a working-man's area of a teeming city, the little class in the church school rooms ministers to the small fry of Christian Koreans and non-Christians alike. Imagine the influence on small four-year olds of screwing eyes tightly to tell God how thankful they are for their food and their friends and their happy play. Each little member proudly wears the white pin with the cross of our Lord upon it as they return to their homes — a reminder to their families of the kind of teaching they are receiving. When I saw this kindergarten, my only regret was that we had not one such daily class for every

"A group of smiling little black-eyed folk."

Korean church in Japan. The church follows up the plan by sending elders to visit in the parents home — speaking of the pupils to them. The children are also encouraged to come to Sunday School on Sunday. It would seem to me that this kind of Christian kindergarten and nursery school work could be full of promise especially among the Koreans and the Formosans; and I am happy that Miss Margaret McKenzie is going to head up a scheme for training such Christian nursery school leaders in Formosa.

When I later met some of the brilliant young Korean Christians — university students, I realized that there was great need for higher education than the Bible-college training the pastors are receiving and I hoped like everything that Wenchi would be the first of many who will receive more and more training to help them cope with all the religious problems of a young people whose home country has been shattered, whose future is precarious and full of perils and to whom the beckoning hand of communism with its promises is particularly appealing. In Formosa the case is the same and it is my fervent hope that we can raise the general level of education of the ministers as much as possible in as short a time as possible. In India, where we must be prepared for the worst, the challenge is to train leaders who can carry on.

On To Formosa

If there is one person whom I would especially like every W.M.S. lady to meet it would be the Rev. Su-ti-Tan, the young principal of the the girls' school in Tamsui. To me he is representative of what the Gospel can do in the hearts and minds of men, of what it can make of them. He is a brilliant musician, known and loved all over the island, not only for his musical gifts, but for his Christian character. He was won to the Christian faith when he was a boy in the boys' school; although his family disowned him for it he stood firm and they finally relented and received him back into the family. As he said to me: "God has never permitted me to do anything I wanted to do. I wanted to be a musician but he called me to be a minister. I wanted to study in North America. He had another idea. I didn't want to become a school principal but he called me to it and now I know the service I can give here." I just wondered whether there were many

Rev. Su-ti-Tan with Miss Isobel Taylor.

young Christians in Canada who would let the Gospel so possess them that they could say "He has never permitted me to do anything I wanted to do." But when you see what has happened to Su-ti-Tan the breadth and depth of his ability and experience, you know that God can do much more with us and our talents than we are ever able to do with ourselves. I am proud we have given him real responsibility which has helped develop his talents. I believe that God has even bigger jobs ahead for him and will enable him to meet them.

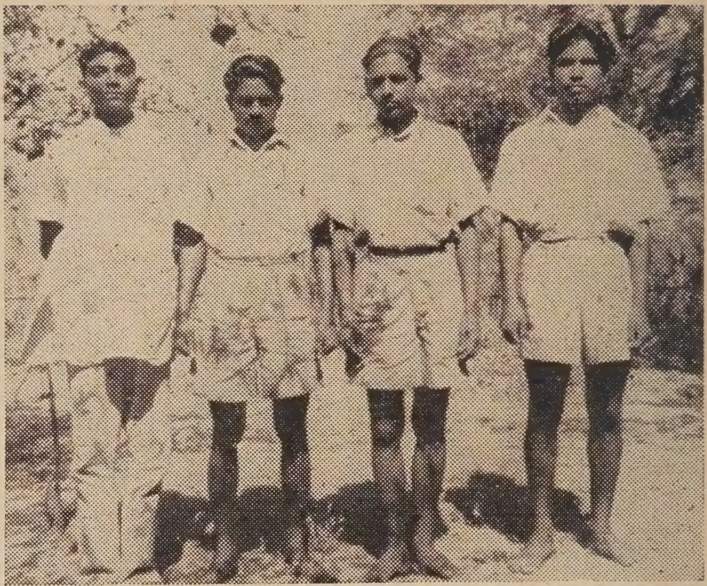
It would be an amazing experience for you as it was for me to travel about from church to church in Formosa and meet the capable, fine Christian mothers and grandmothers who have graduated from the Tamsui girls' school and are now at work for the Christian faith in their homes and their churches. I hope that in future when women's work is organized and when even more follow-up work is done from the girls' school, that more scope will be given to these very able women within the church. I believe there can be little doubt about the value of the Girls' school in the life of the church. I think perhaps that even more could be done in the future to link the work of the school with the life of the church in Formosa.

One day I helped Miss Hermanson dole out medicines to dozens of Formosan people in the little church on the north-eastern plain in Formosa. There were many who had malaria, many with ugly sores, many with ringworm, or eczema, many with dysentry. These are people who would never go to a hospital. No one would ever attend to them. Here they were receiving help, listening carefully to hear heath talks about the care and feeding of their little babies. Some of them came just for the medical care, but they stayed to hear the young minister, Mr. Tan, speak about following Jesus and to Miss Macdonald lead them in worship. How many millions there are in Formosa who could hear the Gospel in this way and feel something of God's loving concern. It fired my imagination again with the possibilities of this kind of service and I hope Miss Hermanson's work will be only the first of many of such undertakings in Formosa.

Over the Hills to India

In the Bhil country in India I know that you would feel as I felt that our missionaries were breaking much new ground in mission history. I was much impressed with the way our enterprises were fitted right into the needs and lives of the people. I am sure the boys and girls go back to their Bhil village with a sound education for their needs; with many concrete ideas which they can put into practice immediately in their farming, their handwork, their meals, their health and their home lives; their Christian conduct in everyday matters.

It will enable them to go back and be Bhil villagers, not transform them into some new economic mould which they cannot all fit.


Teachers of Bhil Field School

In their Bhil villages they can be witnesses to the new kind of life there. If you could just see the difference between an alert, educated, clean and healthy Christian Bhil and one of the shaggy, superstitious, fear-ridden animists you would understand as never before what it is to be a "new creature in Christ." And if you could see these simple, superstitious, fear-ridden people gather together at a camp fire meeting around one of the missionaries and the Bhil pastors, you would know as I did, what an amazing opportunity we have of helping these people receive the more abundant life Christ intended for them.

Being a former schoolmarm, I am not easy to please when it comes to schools, but I must say that I feel the Helen Macdonald school in Jhansi to be as sound and well directed an educational institution as I will ever see. There were several things about it that especially impressed me. The first was that it is not a chrome-plated foam-rubber existence for the girls who attend — but a life which is well suited to their needs and their own being — simple, economical, practical, and resourceful. The second was that the school has proven a powerful evangelizing agency in the lives of the girls who attend. In the Jhansi area almost the only converts to the Christian faith have come from the school and it is usually the case that 80-85% of the graduating class will be Christian. That is a very impressive thing in a country where most of the Christian schools and colleges have not proven to be very effective evangelizing agencies.

I assume that you, like my family and friends, are interested in my impressions of the W.M.S. missions abroad. I would like to say first of all, that we ought to be very thankful to God for the kind of missionary personnel we have; and to say with real pride that I feel sincerely that the ladies you have in the mission fields would compare favourably with any Christian workers anywhere in the world. I think it significant too, the high esteem they have among the people with whom they work. That is really the acid test — for it is a 24 hour job of witnessing to Christ among people who observe your every action. I was really impressed by the Christian fellowship they have with the Christian people among whom they work.

I feel too, that our missionaries have been far too modest in their reporting and assessment of their victories. Some of the triumphs of the faith that have been worked through them are triumphs indeed, even though their numbers and the changes may not be spectacular to them. The thing which kept assaulting me however, was how much God had done with the little we had done. We each give 10c and one missionary gives her working life — and out of the 10c and one life the most amazing results occur — a chain reaction that goes on and on in history, not dying when we do, but living and gaining strength. I felt I had had little comprehension of the kind of interest we were gaining on our investment. I was impressed with the intelligent thinking and sound planning that had used the meagre resources to good advantage. Perhaps more than all these things my dominant impression as I return is that we are, through our missions, working with God in what is a mighty plan and purpose for the whole world.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR OUR READERS

The Organization Department and The Glad Tidings Department wish to make an apology to the Synodicals of Hamilton and London and Toronto and Kingston. On page 467 of the November issue under the heading "Distribution of Allocation by Synodicals" — the second column — which represented the receipts to the end of September, were reversed for these two Societies. The column should have read:

Hamilton and London — Receipts to September 30th	$33,132.13
Toronto and Kingston	35,696.00

Miss Beatrice Scott, BA., Mendha, Bhabra P.O. via Dohad, M.B. India. Miss Scott's name was inadvertently omitted from two important lists of our Overseas Missionaries, I.E. from the list in The Presbyterial Calendar for 1954 and from the list of our Missionaries which appeared on page 399 of the October issue. Please add her name to your list of our Overseas staff.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FOR AFRICA

By
CLAUDE DeMESTRAL

Mr. DeMestral, former editor of L'Aurore, a magazine for French Protestants in Canada is now editor of Listen, a magazine printed in England for Christian readers in Africa. Some of our W.M.S. grant for Christian Literature in Africa supports "Listen"

Introduction

When the first missionaries came to Africa, they found populations having deep-seated traditions and customs — but no written languages. With whatever resources they had these Christian workers undertook to give Africans written languages and begin translations of the Bible, in whole or in parts. We shall never over-estimate their contribution.

But the missionaries were not the only foreigners to penetrate the great Continent; traders, soldiers, administrators, later on industrialists, invaded these unknown lands. The result has been a phenomenal growth of a so-called Occidental life imposed on Africans, whose traditions and customs can ill resist the impact of such outside influences.

Recent events in South Africa, prolonged discussions about Central African Federation, the Apartheid Policy in South Africa, lead many Christians to wondering whether the day is approaching when missionaries will be compelled to leave Africa — as happened in China a few years ago. What can be done either to retard or prevent such an exclusion, or to help our African Christian brethren to stand fast if cut off from home churches and Missionary Societies which help them to hear the Gospel?

Books such as "Cry, the Beloved

Country" by A. Paton, "Journey to the Interior" by L. van der Post, "African Heritage" by Emory Ross, "Return to Goli" by P. Abrahams, etc., have helped a great many Christians to understand better and more appreciatingly the tremendous transformation and upheaval taking place in Africa.

Our own Industrial Revolution has been tempered by the religious revivals — such as Methodism — and the appearance of a host of Christian tracts and books. Can this be possible in Africa? Yes, for two reasons: (a) Education and literacy campaigns, hand in hand with increasing cash salaries, have given Africans a real desire for the printed word. Newspapers, bookstores, periodicals, are developing fast in this great Continent. (b) All Missions and Churches in Africa are realizing more clearly the growing need for an enlarged and renewed Christian literature, many are taking steps to make it more effective.

The Power of the Printed Word

Christians, formed by the Bible, conscious of their spiritual heritage,, ought to be firm believers in such a power and make better use of it. Unfortunately the literature shaping our world is not inspired by Christianity. "The Capital" by Karl Marx, "My Fight" by Hitler, the writings of those who "could not care less", the yellow press and all the pornographic literature are slowly (but surely) convincing mankind that selfishness and force are all important.

It is against such a destructive

propaganda that Christian literature has to become a double-edged sword, cutting off rotten beliefs and practices, laying bare the cancers that sap our vitality, so that the healing and rejuvenating power of Christ can operate the healings without which a greater catastrophe cannot be avoided.

But What Is Christian Literature?

We need to face this question, as there is still much confusion about it. It rests or centres on Jesus Christ, the Bible, the Christian Church. Its chief aims are:

(a) To make *Jesus Christ* known to all men, trying to help the reader to accept Him as his, or her, Saviour and Lord, making clear that His reign must include all realms of man's activities.

(b) To make *the Bible* known and understood as the Word of God, pointing to the living Word—requiring all its readers to act as Philip toward the Ethiopean officer on the road to Gaza.

(c) To make clear to all believers that it is their duty, and privilege to take an active part, as members, in the corporate life of *the Christian Church,* pointing out that no once can be a Christian by himself.

In a way a more effective Christian literature is needed everywhere, but as my task as Secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa focuses my efforts on Africa alone, I would like to make clear some of the problems raised for us.

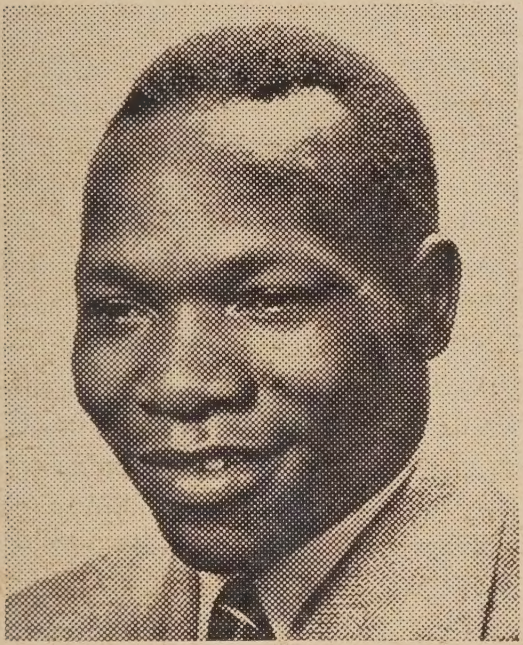
What Exists Already?

A great deal, here and there, but unco-ordinated. Thus a useful effort like the "John Christian" book (prepared in Northern Rhodesia some twenty years ago) in study groups to find out how Christians ought to look at such problems as marriage, worship, land, prayer, money, communism, etc.) is practically unknown in other territories, its example not yet followed by similar groups. A survey is being prepared, to be made available to all Missions and Churches in Africa, to reduce duplication of effort and shorten the preparation of new Christian literature.

What Is Needed?

If the replies received from groups of young Africans or pastors (during my recent 4½ months trip in Central Africa: Angola, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Belgian Congo, French Equatorial and West Africa) vary often, they have many points in common. Illustrated Bible stories, or Bible books are greatly in demand, with larger type than is the custom for whole Bibles — books on the Christian home, the Christian citizen, the wise use of the soil, short and clear commentaries with illustrations from African background . . . books on politics and economics, a history of the world, like H. G. Wells', but written from a Christian point of view — more lively and forceful

Christian periodicals — all such are required and many more. Some can be written in the three main Europeen languages used in Africa, (English, French and Portuguese), others need to be written in African languages. In order to reach the people living in the villages, it is evident that for a long while we shall require to use the vernacular.



GREEN RICHARD KATONGOLE

Mr. Katongole recently finished a course in America, fitting him for a writing career in Africa.

Who Will Be The Writers?

Europeans as well as Africans, as the above list makes clear. New writers will have to be found, of course, not necessarily professional ones, but people filled with a feeling of urgency, of vocation; men like Amos the shepherd or Luke, the doctor, whom God used with such amazing results. This fact is well worth pondering by those young Christians feeling a certain desire to write but a frightful diffidence. Maybe this is how God needs your service?

How Can Christian Literature Be Printed?

While a great many presses in Europe are fully equipped to print books for Africa there are also a great many Christian presses in Africa. However, such Christian presses are usually short of capital and trained workers. It is interesting to note that a great many commercial printing shops in Africa are almost entirely operated by Africans. Here again, the printing trade offers definite ways of service for Christian laymen.

Conclusion

The Christian Church of the West cannot claim to have found yet its full, adequate Christian literature — our production has been sporadic, without a plan. Maybe the opportunity offered in Africa will help us to think more deeply and imaginatively to act more co-operatively, resting on Jesus Christ, the Bible and the Christian Church. Thus our African brethren may make us the inestimable gift of revealing to us our serious weaknesses and forcing us to return more sincerely, and humbly, to the real bases of our faith.

The Late Dr. Helen MacMurchy

JUST a year ago we were paying tribute to our beloved friend, Miss Bessie MacMurchy so suddenly taken from us and now we are saying farewell in the mortal sense to her elder sister, Dr. Helen MacMurchy who passed away on October 15th after a long time of illness. She was the last of the immediate family of Dr. and Mrs. Archibald MacMurchy.

What a wonderful thanksgiving season for this family! After years of separation which would seem as nothing compared to the joy of re-union – 'O then what raptured greetings – where partings are no more!'

Too much could not be said in praise and appreciation of Dr. Helen MacMurchy for a life so devoted to others and so successful in its accomplishments. Much is being told in the press and by radio of what she meant to her world in the fields of medicine and science – but we wish to stress with thankfulness her outstanding Christian character and influence which were the true setting for her brilliant achievements. Our Church and its Women's Missionary Society had no more devoted and faithful member. Her Bible was her constant guide and inspiration. Her last conscious words were a prayer. Every step of her career was founded on a steadfast faith in God and patterned on the example set by His Son, our Lord.

All through the years she was an active member of the Women's Missionary Society contributing in many ways as anly she could – a devotional period for her Auxiliary could be prepared and presented with the same ease and efficiency as an address for a group of scientists or an article for a medical journal. For more than ten years in her later life, she prepared a monthly column in the Ukrainian paper 'Evangelical Truth' in which she spoke to these newcomers to Canada in simple English on 'Health for Every Day'. Many of our missionaries will remember the warmth of their welcome to the MacMurchy home with its hospitality and helpfulness.

Among Dr. Helen's greatest treasures were the insignia of the order bestowed upon her by her sovereign, her W.M.S. life membership pin, and a brooch which her mother had given her on her 21st birthday.

Miss Marion Long, F.R.C.A. has forever preserved her for us in the beautiful portrait which hangs with those of other famous Canadian doctors in the Academy of Medicine.

Typical of the honours conferred upon her by her own and other universities were the hood, cap and gown lying upon her casket at her funeral service. She had out-lived many of her colleagues but some were there with relatives, friends, former pupils and patients, to accompany her to the last earthly resting place — but one saw no tears. This was a time for thanksgiving — not mourning, because for her had come "that glorious hour when death had more to give than life". From the valley of the shadow where in frailty she had lingered so long she had emerged into the light of her heavenly Home.

Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord — yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them.' From Revelations 14-13.

(Mrs. A. R.) Muriel L. McMurrich

Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, Mrs. T. Findley

IT IS fitting that we should pay tribute to two members of the Women's Missionary Society who passed away during the month of October and who had held office on the Council Executive.

Mrs. W.A.J. Martin was well known in Paris Presbyterial for she was born in Woodstock, Ontario which was her first home—also her last home. Most of her married life was spent in Brantford where her husband was minister of Zion Church. — After his death she and her son came to live in Toronto, and it was in 1930 that we were fortunate in having her take over the office of secretary for Formosa on the Council Executive which she held for more than a decade. During those years we had difficult problems to face—Government requirements made it necessary that we change our relationship in regard to our Girls' School in Tansui —then later because of war-time conditions came the evacuation of our missionaries. Mrs. Martin carried her responsibilities with conscientiousness and capability. Those missionaries who were under her care regarded her as their true friend for it was characteristic of her that no official relationship could fail to be personal as well. Her faithfulness, dependability and genuine goodness were an example to us all.

Mrs. Thomas Findley held the office of Young Women's Secretary in the late 1920's which she filled most acceptably. This gracious and gentle lady endeared herself to us all and it was with deep regret that her resignation had to be accepted after far too short a time.

To the relatives and friends of these former members, our deepest sympathy goes out with the assurance that their dear ones, our co-workers, are not forgotten but that their valuable assistance and good deeds are stored away with those treasured memories that enrich the passing of the years.

"God calls loved ones, but we
loose not wholly what He has given;
They live on earth, in thought
and deed, as truly as in His heaven.'

National News Notes

Miss Marjorie MacKay

It was with great regret that we received the resignation of Miss Marjory MacKay, Deaconess, who had been on our National staff for fourteen years. Miss MacKay had served most acceptably on our Birtle Indian School teaching staff, in the Melrose and Leaside congregations, Port Alberni, Kimberley and for the last two years in the Peace River area — and her place in our work will not easily be filled. We wish Miss MacKay every success in her new teaching position in Madsen, Ontario.

Mrs. Gillespie

The many friends of Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, who has been Hospital Visitor in Toronto for thirteen years, will be interested in knowing that she is now Matron of the Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat, Alberta. We know that Mrs. Gillespie will take with her to her new work the same consecration and devotion which she gave to her work in Toronto.

Principal "C.J." School

Mr. Eric Barrington has been appointed Acting Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ontario to replace the Rev. Eldon Andrews, who is planning to return to Overseas mission work.

Summer Workers

The reports from the student deaconesses and University students, who had summer appointments, have been most encouraging. Watch for excerpts from these reports in a later issue of *"The Glad Tidings"*.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Hospital Visitor in Montreal, who had been on leave of absence since June, returned to her work early in September.

Six of the teen-age boys from the Birtle Indian Residential School attended boys' camps in Manitoba. In September there were 163 pupils enrolled at Birtle with 72 attending High School. Grades I. to XI. are taught in the Residential school and the students in Grades XII. and XIII. attend the Birtle High School.

F.E.M.

Overseas News Flashes

Miss Dorothy Douglas

Word has just come that Miss Douglas has arrived in Taiwan. Her colleagues were delighted to have her back and we know that Miss Douglas is always a great strength wherever she may be.

Stephen Shih

Mr. Stephen Shih spent his summer with other McMaster students as a workman in the erection of new buildings on McMaster campus. Stephen reported the amount of money he had made and what he had saved and said he would be able to carry some of the expenses of this year himself. We commend Stephen for his meticulous attitude toward money. He enters now on his second year's work at McMaster. There will be no finer student there and none who will work harder or more conscientiously.

P.T.I.'s

The Overseas Department is happy that three members of our staff are giving such acceptable service to the Organization Department as members of the Institute Teams. Miss Magee reports a number of most interesting conferences with ministers at which they asked pointed questions and to which she was able to give answers which satisfied them as none had for some time.

L.K.P.

CONCERNING ANNUAL REPORTS

ATTENTION — RE 1953 REPORTS

Secretaries of all branches of the Women's Missionary Society (W. D.) are reminded of the deadlines for the reception of Annual Reports – as set down by Council at the meeting in London in May, 1953.

Auxiliaries to Presbyterials – December 31st – 1953.

Presbyterials to Synodicals – January 20th – 1954.

Synodicals to Council Executive – February 20th – 1954

Co-operation in meeting these deadlines will help greatly in the preparation of the Annual Report.

Because of the receipt of numerous complaints of errors in the Annual Report – which when traced to the source, have been found to have originated in the information forwarded by Presbyterials to Synodicals – or Synodicals to Council Executive – we request when this year's reports are being prepared that:

1. Presbyterial Secretaries check carefully before forwarding to Synodical secretaries.

2. Synodical Secretaries again check carefully before sending to Council Executive Secretaries.

3. That writing be legible. Many errors are due to misinterpretation of names etc. If possible we suggest that lists of Officers be typed.

4. Secretaries should check all contributions reported with the Treasurer to see that their figures agree. This is most important, at the Presbyterial level, to insure correct reporting of individual groups.

5. Be sure that reports are in on time. See notice re deadlines in this issue.

HELEN M. HORNE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Resignation of

Mrs. C. N. Johnston

BECAUSE of ill-health it became necessary for Mrs. C. N. Johnston to resign from Council Executive. It was with genuine regret that her resignation was accepted.

Mrs. Johnston's interest in the Women's Missionary Society began in the Young Women's Department. Our first acquaintance with her was on the occasion of a visit to a Young Women's Auxiliary of which she was President. Two impressions that evening have remained with us during the years we have known her — one, that she did not appear to enjoy presiding over a meeting; the second, whether she enjoyed it or not, she was determined that the Auxiliary for which she had responsibility was going to attain to its maximum potential.

During the years following, Mrs. Johnston became a great strength to the Young Women's Department in Toronto. In 1942, after a pressing invitation she consented to become a member of Council Executive. Her one and only portfolio on the Board was that of Young Women's Secretary. She carried over into this Department the promise of her early service with the young women. As Secretary for Young Women, Mrs. Johnston combined two important qualities required of a leader of the young — sympathy with immature but enthusiastic opinions and a firmness demanding that things be done the right way.

As a member of Council Executive, Mrs. Johnston was never a "yes woman"; she was an independent thinker with the courage of her convictions, never indulging in personalities, always gracious in debate.

The Council Executive has suffered a real loss. We shall not forget Mrs. C. N. Johnston. Our prayer is that soon she may be restored to health and strength and we cannot refrain from the hope that perhaps she may see her way to serve on Council Executive.

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Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

"Joy to the world, the Lord
is come!"

Let earth receive her King.

AT the Christmas season we often hear the words of the familiar hymn, "Joy to the World." Sometimes when we sing or hear these words we think of the "joy" where Christ is known, sometimes of the sadness to be found in the areas of the world where, even after so many centuries, He is still not accepted as King. This year in the various groups of our Women's Missionary Society Family as we think of the life and task of the Church around the world there are books and albums of pictures which help us to "see" the joy that is possible where Christ is known and accepted.

For adults there are two such books — "WHERE THERE IS LIFE . . .," edited by Leslie C. Sayre, contains pictures which followed through show phases of human life from "the crib to the rocking chair" and how throughout man's complete life the Church is present to "save and serve," A couple who studied the book carefully made this statement, "We believe it is one of the very few books — perhaps the only book — that brings home in straightforward, photographic terms just what the church is up to and what it is accomplishing in changing the spiritual, emotional and social life of plain people all over the world. Between these covers, you will see a story unfolding such as you may not have realized is actually taking place right now." "WHERE THERE IS LIFE . . . " makes people want to "study, share, give and live" as they are challenged with the need to be met and encouraged with the needs that have been met. Price $1.00.

The other book EACH WITH HIS OWN BRUSH by Daniel Johnson Fleming contains 65 reproductions of paintings and carvings from Asia and Africa which show us how Christian artists of these lands interpret the Gospel story in terms of their own life and art. Informative comments accompany the individual pictures which show the Christian faith in costumes, features and styles that are distinctively Chinese, African, Indian, and Japanese. Price, paper $1.50, cloth $2.75.

For the Teen-Age Groups a Picture Packet has been prepared by Helen Bricker for use with their study packet "The Church We Cannot See". In this packet are pictures of churches in various lands, outstanding Christians from around the world, contrasting pictures showing the difference Christ makes in human lives and young Christians engaged in Christian service. While prepared for teen-age groups this packet of pictures will be of value to any group. Price .35.

For Children's Groups there is the world friends picture album of 16 photographs — WORLD FRIENDS AT WORK AND WORSHIP. These beautiful photographs show young members of the world Christian family as they express in work and worship the joy that has come to them because Christ came. Elizabeth Allstrom has prepared descriptions to accompany each picture. This album is equally valuable for the individual child and for groups. Price $1.00.

We hope that many will "see" the joy that the first Christmas Day brought through these materials and will share them with others.

A Christmas Wish

I could not wish thee better than to pray
That there may come to thee this Christmas Day
A vision of the star that sent men on
With trailing light to where a new light shone.

The night is dark — let thy illunined face
Bring light and cheer to bless thy day and race.
Pass on the angel song of hope and peace
Till self be shamed and bitter hatred cease.

God rest thee, faithful heart, this Christmas tide!
May Christ himself by faith with thee abide,
And lead thee through the New Year's swinging gate
To high imprise — the master of thy fate.

Charles L. Goodell.

Christmas

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LOOKING forward into the weeks and months ahead and considering all that is to be done, we find ourselves thinking of Christmas and what it means in our planning. There are so many things to be done and the time slips by so quickly. Surely there is some way which will save the rush in which we found ourselves last year. We simply must plan and shop; shop and plan, arrange every last thing carefully so that no one is overlooked and all arrangements will work out properly. The children must have an opportunity to hear again about Santa Claus and if possible see him and speak with him. They will want to hear of how he comes with his sleigh and reindeer leaving gifts for all. It takes so much time, so much energy – gifts, decorations, parties, feasts and such coming and going for everyone. Such, to so many today is what Christmas brings and what it means to them. Surely to us who call ourselves Christian there is all of this but so much more, when we think that at this time we celebrate the birthday of the 'Lord of all the earth.' Let us read again the story of this wondrous birth. "An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you. You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host praising God and saying Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, among men with whom the Lord is pleased."

God's 'unspeakable' gift to man was announced by the angels and the host of heaven to wondering, frightened shepherds on a hillside in Galilee. A babe in a manger in a stable among the cattle but before Him the shepherds bowed in adoration and wise men following a new star worshipped and offered gifts.

This is why we keep Christmas. This is the center around which we build our plans and give to Him the place of honour which is His. This though will take us to our churches where we can 'worship and adore' through the matchless music which rings down through the ages, the great hymns carols and that mystic *something* which enables us to bow in true humility, thanksgiving and praise. Here is the story for the children, for all of us – the fact around which we can build all our times of joy and good cheer. Of course the jolly old saint in a red coat and a pack on his back comes and celebrates with us – we make our homes bright and extend our tables to make room not only for our family and friends but everyone who would enjoy being with us. A time to rejoice and be glad as we honour Him whose birth changed the life of men on the earth and is still changing it. To 'men of good-will' through out the earth comes the message of peace for which the whole world seeks but which will not be found until all bow before Him and render unto Him the glory and the praise due unto His name.

Christmas in Formosa

- In The Church
- In The Home
- In The School

by Carol Chiam, Leone Su, Margaret Lin

Christmas in Formosan Churches

Dear Girls in Canada!

What are the most excited and happiest annual festivals in your Church life here? I am sure there are so many parties and meetings which you enjoy very much, but there are two particular ones! Let us consider together what are they? Of course, they are Easter and the Holy Birth Festival which means Christmas as we call it. I would like to share with you some Christmas experiences which the Christians in Formosa have.

The word "Christmas" is in each Christian's mind since the nice cool, autumn breeze touches our hair softly in the end of September or early in October. That seems earlier than any radio broadcasting, or Christmas Gift advertisements in Canada. You may wonder why the people in Formosa are so impatient . . . This is not because the people there are in a rush all the time, or

CAROL CHIAM

because our Christmas is early in the fall, but because it is the climax of our happiness as Christians in a non-Christian country. We love to express our happiness in some visible actions, and we want to express them as perfectly as possible.

Therefore, the preparation must be made as early as we can. The choirs practise their Christmas pieces such as "The Messiah" by Handel; famous Christmas Anthems and their carols, with great zeal and joy.

The Young People and the Sunday School children will practise their Christmas Pageants, plays and special concerts. Usually they practise once a week but as Christmas comes near their doors, with the cold winds, they will practise as many times as they can without feeling tired — but with great joy.

They all want to participate in the work; to express their love to the Holy Baby and their happiness. One will feel so disappointed if she has no part in the programme. The members of the congregation will take the gifts to Church and will raise special offerings to prepare enough gifts to give the non-Christian children who will be at the Christmas party . . . Christmas is not only a big festival in the Churches, but also it is the big opportunity of evangelism in Formosa. Although people live in the neighbourhood of the Church, and are the parents of Sunday School children, they do not believe in the glad tidings of the Holy Birth yet they do want to be with us at the parties or celebrations to satisfy their curiosity. They want to know what the Sunday School has done to their children who were led into

The young people practise Christmas plays.

Church by their day-school Christion friends or Christian playmates in the neighbourhood. Also they want to satisfy their pride by watching their beloved children perform so well in a programme.

They come with curious and empty hearts and go home with great joy and news of the Holy Birth. This may open the door of Christianity to them. If they would come back again to Church, their empty hearts may be filled with the great joy of Jesus Christ and they may become Christians.

All of these busy preparations will bear fruit and be appreciated by the Heavenly Father, the Holy Baby and the other people in the community. From the middle of December choirs will perform their programmes or choral services in the Churches or in the big auditoriums. In spite of the cold winter wind threatening outside, both the performers and the audience come, gathering together with happy and excited smiles.

On Christmas Eve most choirs or Young People's groups will go walking around the town, or go riding on a big truck in the city, carolling the glad tidings of the Holy Birth with their lips and voices, from midnight until dawn.

Most churches have Christmas services in the morning. Then most of them have Sunday School Christmas plays or concerts in the evening.

The Church is decorated gaily with coloured pictures, big Chinese writings, and decorations. The Christmas tree, which usually is not a pine tree, but any tree in the evergreen family, is lighted and decorated with candles, toys and white, soft pieces of cotton on the earth. You may be surprised to know why we spread the cotton on the earth. The cotton is used to indicate the soft white and beautiful snow which we do not have in our semi-tropical winter weather. We all know that there probably was no snow at the first Christmas in Palestine but we love to have snow, even if just imitation. . . . Maybe it is a great influence of "White Christmas" from Canadian friends.

Now under the tree you may see great amounts of gifts in all sizes, waiting to be opened.

About half past seven the Church is packed with children and adults to be in on the celebration. The whole evening programme will be started with a service which involves both thanksgiving for God's love and evangelism.

Then there is a short interval between service and programme. The younger children such as Nursery and Primary departments, will go out first from the hall to prepare their programme. Then the junior, senior and the young people's groups will prepare for their part of the programme. There are so many taking part such as Holy Night Pageant by the Nursery Class

— ballets, piano or singing numbers; Bible verses; recitations — and an evangelical play by the Young People.

Toward the end of the evening you will see some younger children sleeping peacefully on their mother's laps, but most of them are wide awake and excited all through the evening.

After the last programme is performed they will be given prizes for whole year attendance and Christmas gifts from Sunday School teachers, because as you remember, there are numbers of Sunday School children who come from non-Christian homes where they do not celebrate Christmas or where the Santa Claus is not welcomed. So — Santa Claus has to appear in Sunday School to give the gifts there.

They all open the gifts with great haste, then will show them to each other. Some of the children will get toys, some story books with beautiful pictures — and some used Christmas cards from Canada. They all love to get Christmas cards from Canada because they are so different and beautiful. Also, the children in the cards look so happy and lovely.

Every child goes home with a happy smile, red cheeks and an excited mood, carrying their gifts tightly under their arms.

I am sure, before they go to sleep they will kneel down and say a prayer of thanksgiving and then fall into sound sleep caused from the long, excited day — with gifts beside their pillows — and dream beautiful dreams about the Holy Baby, Santa Claus, White Christmas — and the lovely Canadian friends whom they see in the Christmas cards.

Christmas in Formosan Homes

CHRISTMAS! Christmas! Christmas is here again!" cried Lily as she clapped her hands and jumped about the room while her mother was busy at one corner trying to decorate a little Christmas tree, giving it the last effect by putting bits of snow-white cotton on it. "A Christmas tree without snow just doesn't look right," says Mother as she steps back to have another look at it.

Yes, Christmas without snow in Canada would be strange, and in Formosa a Christmas tree without the decoration of white cotton just isn't complete. And yet, from the beginning to the end of the year one never sees snow in Formosa except on very rare occasions when it is very cold one can see white substance on the top of the high mountains.

Christmas in Formosa is just like

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Christmas in Canada or any other country . . . with thanksgiving and a new hope, people await for the day to come — some with much fuss and ceremony and some with quiet anticipation. It is nice to give and receive presents but things nowadays are so expensive that many cannot afford it. But there are those who seem to have lots of money. Dear me! the way they spend it!

Christmas is a busy and confusing time indeed. I do not know about Canada but in Formosa around Christmas time each Church and Mission school has an evening where they put on a concert — a Biblical play or a pageant, etc. Some programmes continue for several evenings, according to the size of the congregation. Sunday School teachers find themselves going in circles — aside from their daily occupation they are giving time to the teaching of their classes a programme for the occasion. The girls in the Girls' School are double-busy too. Besides all the homework, tests and studies — they may have to practise the "Messiah" or plays, or solos. They wish there were 48 hours in a day!

Mothers at home are also well occupied. They knit and sew in preparation for Christmas.

Everybody is busy and happy at Christmas. Children especially are much excited. They get new clothes and presents, and many of these presents are not wrapped in fancy paper but in red paper. Red is a colour used in all happy occasions. According to custom and tradition in China, on New Year's Eve when all the family gather around the table, the head of the family, at the end of a sumptuous meal, would hand out to each member, a small, flat, oblong package wrapped in red paper. In it are dollar notes or coins, according to the respective ages.

Thus this custom was in some way adopted in observing Christmas. Today, of course, many people prefer to give presents in other forms than money, but occasionally these red packages still make their appearances.

There is one thing different

about Christmas compared to any other festivity . . . and that is the joy of being one large family in Christ – rich or poor, young or old. Thus customs may differ and distance may divide East and West, yet the glad tidings of the Angels have not, is not and will not change.

Christmas in Tamsui Girls' School

TAMSUI Girls' School is a mission school in North Formosa. It is built on the hill in Tamsui town, which is one of the most beautiful places in the beautiful island.

MARGARET LIN

There are about three hundred girls studying there, and one third of them live in the school. They have three years Junior high and three years of Senior high school, altogether six years. Most of them are from twelve to eighteen years of age. Besides this, they have three departments. The first one is music department from which I graduated about three years ago. Miss Isabel Taylor, a Canadian missionary is a music teacher there. The second, they have an Arts department, the students draw beautiful pictures and they often win prizes in the exhibition. Then they have a Household department where they learn how to cook and how to sew. Almost every girl loves sewing and Miss Dorothy Douglas is one of the teachers in this department.

Only one third of the students are Christians there, but, since this is a mission school, they celebrate Christmas every year. They start to prepare about a month ahead. For the Christmas programmes they used to have a concert, a pageant or play, and ballet. Music department takes responsibility to provide concert programme. Since there are quite a few pupils taking piano lessons, music teachers choose some to play duets or piano solos. The school choir, which consists of Senior girls, start to practise Christmas carols in two parts or three parts about twice a week.

For the pageant, the teacher who takes the responsibility has a students' committee meeting and they select certain pupils whom they need for the pageant from any grades. Now, these pupils who were chosen, have to stay after school and practise their own parts.

About ballet, the senior students who can dance select some junior students and teach them. They use records and perhaps would practise every day.

About a week before Christmas, you can see everybody is busy preparing. The students of the art department would be drawing pictures to use for the background and the students of the household department would be busy sewing dresses for the pageant. You can hear piano and singing constantly in the afternoon.

The day before Christmas is as busy as it can be. They have to clean the whole school, especially the hall, and take their own chairs to the hall from their class rooms, because they don't have any chairs in the hall.

They have a big Christmas tree and each class has to make something to hang on it. They fold coloured paper and make boats, houses, balls, birds, frogs, etc., and make stars from silver paper. Use absorbent cotton to imitate the snow, and thus decorate the Christmas tree beautifully.

Each one has to bring a small gift and some teachers would be busy numbering them; for exchanging the gifts they are given certain sheets with numbers on it, and according to their number they will get their gifts.

Now everything is ready for the big day. On that night, some of the students may not be able to sleep well for they are so excited and can hardly wait until the dawn has come; some of them may be dreaming about the Christmas day.

When the day has come, you will see everybody wearing their clean uniform with their hair so neatly combed that everyone looks very shiny and bright. The first part of the morning programme is service, and the second part is a concert and a short play or ballet, then the exchanging of gifts. In the evening they have the pageant, and usually invite their parents and friends to come. As they have practised so hard the performance would promise to be a successful one. Even non-Christians enjoy the programme and they would know that on that day Jesus Christ was born.

Everybody is happy and merry, the singing melody would be flowing out from the windows.

Silent night, Holy night. . . .

Christmas in Norway

by Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace

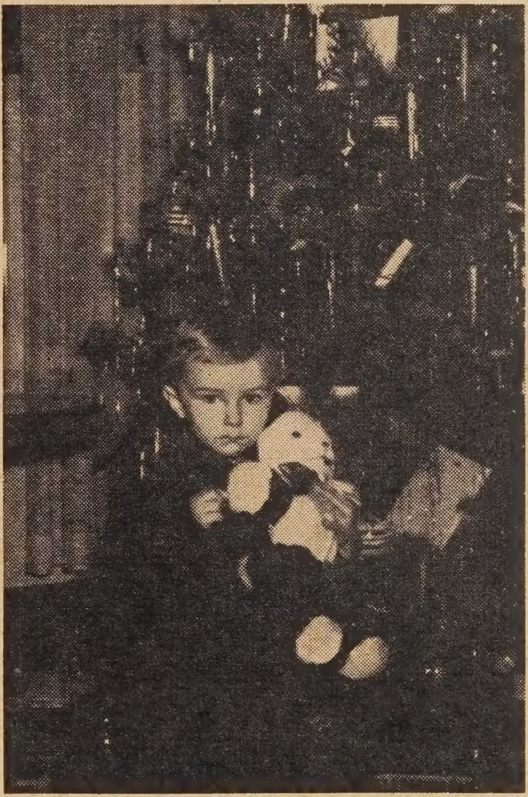
This story was told to Mrs. Wallace by Mrs. Hinch, a Norwegian lady now living in Toronto.

"IT IS nearly five o'clock and the bells will ring soon, soon, soon", sang Gunhild. "It has been dark for quite a while. It can't be much longer."

Gunhild and her brother Rolf ran into the dining room again to see the tables set so gaily for eighteen people. There were lovely candles and shining, sparkling Christmas bells for decoration. Bells were everywhere, bells in the hall, bells along the balustrade, and bells on the front door. Gunhild ran up the stairs and down again because it was Christmas eve and she was so excited her eight-year-old legs just couldn't keep still. Ingrid had just put out the dish of porridge for the Happy Gnomes and was admiring her new red dress in the hall mirror.

"You don't really believe in gnomes, do you?" asked Gunhild.

"Of course not, little sister, no one really believes in gnomes, but every home in Norway puts out a



Then came time for the gifts.

little dish of porridge on Christmas eve for the gnomes because they have always done it and it is such fun."

Suddenly they could hear voices coming close and they threw open the door. There were grandfather and grandmother and uncle Hualmar and Aunt Dagmar and her cousins and why! there were Uncle Valdemar and Aunt Sigrid and all the rest coming up the walk too. Everyone was coming at once. Gunhild was so happy she thought she would cry. Then the bells began to ring.

"The bells, the bells," they all said together and then were quiet to listen. Gunhild and Rolf and Ingrid and their father and mother got their coats and everyone went outside to hear the bells. The wonderful bells which rang out all over Norway at five o'clock every Christmas eve to tell everyone that Christmas had come.

Such a big family they were as they sat at the table. The candlelight shone on grandmother's white hair and she didn't look old at all. Grandfather beamed at everyone. At last the Christmas dinner began with the delicious cream pudding. There was an almond in it somewhere. One person would be the lucky one to find it.

"I have the almond", called Rolf as he took his third delicious spoonful. There was a special gift for Rolf because he had found it in his dish.

"Isn't it nice that every family in Norway is having roast pork just as we are", said Ingrid, "and we are all eating it at the same time?"

Gunhild was thinking of the Christmas tree behind the closed doors of the living room. It had been there all day because father and mother decorated it last night, but never, never, never could the Christmas tree be seen until after Christmas dinner on Christmas eve. She thought of the lovely decorations she and Ingrid and Rolf had made and had given to her mother for the tree. At last the time came and the door was opened. There was the tree in the middle of the big room shining with lights and decorations. Why, there was the little basket she had made up near the top and the golden ball Rolf had made at school right on the end of a branch. Everyone joined

hands from grandfather who was a bit lame, to little Carl who had just learned to walk. They circled around the beautiful tree singing Christmas Carols, lovely carols one after another.

Then came time for gifts. Little cousin Astrid was chosen to hand them out. The first gift was for Gunhild and her hands seemed so slow opening the package.

"Warm ski mitts from Aunt Dagmar! O thank you, thank you," and she ran to give her aunt a kiss and a hug.

Bye and bye the special little gift Gunhild had made was handed to grandmother. There was so much love in grandmother's smile as she held the little girl tight. For weeks and weeks like all the children she had been making little gifts for grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, uncles and aunts.

This wonderful evening just went on and on because this was one night she could stay up as late as she liked. She decided she would never go to bed at all. At ten o'clock the table of goodies was spread with candies, special Christmas cookies and little cakes. After her cup of hot chocolate her eyes began to close all by themselves and the first thing she knew it was Christmas morning.

All dressed warmly for church Gunhild stood watching the little boats filled with people, all coming up the long bay, or fiord as it is called in Norway. They were coming to the Christmas service in the church. The snow was dazzling white and crunchy under her feet and the sunlight seemed to be dancing on all the little ripples on the water.

"The birds have found our gift for them", called Rolf as he ran to the small barn and Gunhild ran to look. Several chirping birds were enjoying the sheaf of oats Rolf had fastened over the barn door the day before. Every home in the village had a sheaf of oats fastened up for the birds.

"Come children, we are leaving for Church now," called father.

Gunhild and Rolf couldn't resist the temptation to take a quick look inside the barn to look longingly at their carefully waxed skis all ready for tomorrow.

"I am so glad we live in Norway where fathers and mothers and everyone gets two weeks holidays at Christmas to go skiing in the mountains," said Gunhild as they were walking to church.

"Yes, it is good," said mother. "Your Uncle Lief writes from Canada where he has gone to live, that he will just get two days at Christmas and one at the New Year".

The Church was full. It was a beautiful church and the music made her happy. The minister began to read the Christmas story.

"There came wise men from the East to Jerusalem saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews for we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. H. Magee, 1210 Nanaimo St.
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THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Has for many years held a Regional Meeting at some point in the Fraser Valley. This year it was held in Bradner Church, located in a peaceful, quiet, wooded country side about forty miles east of Vancouver, It was a happy occasion when sixty people joined in good fellowship and instructive discussion at a morning and afternoon session. A splendid programme had been prepared by the Presbyterial President, Mrs. E. Fox.

Mrs. McMath of **Bradner,** Mrs. Duthie of **Chilliwack,** Mrs. Edge of **Mount Lehman,** Mrs. Steacy of **Murrayville** and Mrs. Cormack of **White Rock** told of the work and problems of their groups and of their appreciation of meeting together in the Regional Meeting. A few words of encouragement were extended to the ladies by Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President, and Miss Grace MacKay told of the summer Camp at Roberts' Creek. Interesting pictures were shown by Reverend Dr. Rattery as he told of his working White Horse, Yukon Territory, and the re-building of the Church there.

ALBERTA

Mrs. L. E. Shaver, 234 - 2nd St. S. W.
Medicine Hat, Alta, Press Secretary

THE semi annual meeting of the Alberta Synodical Executive of the W.M.S. Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in Knox Church, **Red Deer,** with representation from all Presbyterials except MacLeod and Peace River. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Synodical President, presiding.

Several matters of importance were discussed. The earlier date for reports; the Peace Thanksgiving Fund, which brought forth a recommendation to "Council", distribution of 1954 allocation by the treasurer, etc.

Miss Lillian Reay, the newly appointed deaconess to the Peace River district gave a most interesting account of her summer's work, from Peace River to Whitehorse.

Mrs. L. Sutherland of **Rocky Mountain House** reported on the work as Girl's Organization Secretary. An interesting item was, that we now have a C.G.I.T. group at **Whitehorse,** which is the farthest point in Canada to have that privilege.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—The first **Edmonton** Presbyterial Executive meeting of the Fall term was held in First Presbyterian Church. The Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Forrester, presided for the opening, then the President, Mrs. J. Kelman, took charge.

Mrs. Delamater, treasurer, gave a concise report of the funds contributed. The groups are advised to send in their funds more frequently in order to reach their allocations by the end of the year. Mrs. E. Scott, librarian, reported a large number of magazines received. Miss O. Ross, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, reported 9 new Presbyterians to this city. Mrs. A. E. Davies, of Camp Committee, advised that applications of those wishing to attend Camp be sent in before March 31. About 22 applications to one camp were refused as the camp was full. Mrs. J. Price, Children's Secretary, stated that a new Explorer group has been formed in Strathcona Church. Mrs. J. Anderson, the Hospital Visitor, gave a very interesting report regarding her work.

More than 100 Church workers attended the Presbyterian Training Institute held in First Presbyterian Church, **Edmonton.** Rev. D. L. Crocker of Rupert St. Church opened the meeting with devotions and a brief address emphasizing that the prime requisite of a church worker was to be possessed of God. Rev. W. Graham, vice-chairman of the Institute Committee of **Westmount** Church introduced the members of the Training Institute team, namely: — Miss Grace McKay, Regional Secretary of B.C. and Captain of the team, who led in adult work, Mrs. J. R. Carson, **Swift Current;** leader for Children's Work, Miss Hazel Reaveley, **India,** missionary; Mrs. A. L. Sutherland, **Rocky Mountain House,** for Girl's work.

The beautiful slides of India shown by Miss Reaveley seemed to bring that country and its needs more realistically to the hearts and minds of all workers. All the members of the team led by Miss G. McKay, were enthusiastic and so created an inspirational atmosphere making all workers feel the need of greater effort to do God's will. The information given and the variety of ways of attacking different problems were very helpful and encouraging. Displays of charts, pictures, suitable books, and Indian customes, made for further impressions.

Rev. E. J. White, of First Presbyterian Church Chairman of the Training Institute Committee, expressed his delight at the success of the Institute, while introducing the speaker, Miss Hazel Reaveley. First Church, **Edmonton,** is proud to welcome Miss Reaveley back to her home community.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL— A meeting of the executive of the **Peace River** Presbyterial was held at the home of Mrs. Lowes of **Spirit River.** Miss Lillian Reay led a brief devotional period.

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read and approved.

Miss Reay reported on ten vacation Bible Schools that were held through the **Peace River** Country during the summer. All these have been very successful, especially the one held at **Whitehorse** by Miss McKay, assisted by Miss Lorraine Elder. This school had an enrollment of eighty-nine pupils. A very successful camp for boys and girls was held at **Lake Saskatoon** during the first week of August.

It was decided to leave the choosing of a place and date for the Annual Presbyterial meeting until the Presbytery decides its place and date.

It was moved that we recommended to Council that the Peace Thank-offering Fund be used for student deaconesses and ministers wherever needed instead of just using the interest.

Since Mrs. Davidson is moving away it was necessary to elect a new president to complete the year. Mrs. Ann Graham was elected.

Mrs. MacDonald thanked Mrs. Davidson for her untiring efforts in building up the Peace River Presbyterial and expressed our regret at losing such a good member but hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Davidson would return to the North.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — Held its regular fall meeting on October 2nd in St. Andrew's Church, **Olds,** with representation from **Red Deer, Valley Centre, Olds** and **Carstairs.** The President, Mrs. Alexander, presided and gave an interesting report of the Council Meeting held in London, Ontario, in May last. Reports from the various auxiliaries were given and the treasurer urged all to get working harder on their allocation which is a long way from the objective at present. It was decided to carry on with the scholarship for the **Medicine Hat** School. This year we have prospective students from the **Red Deeer** Presbytery and some funds for this purpose on hand.

A constructive discussion re the

Peace Thanksgiving Fund was carried on and the conclusions referred to the Synodical Board.

The Knox Presbyterian Group, W.M.S. **Red Deer,** held its Annual birthday tea. Socially and financially it was most successful. A sale of home-cooking augmented the financial returns as well as bringing many adherents to join in the social gathering.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056
Weyburn, Press Secretary

THE AUTUMN Thankoffering of the Women's Federation of Knox Church, **Weyburn,** was held in the Church parlours. Mrs. Matheral, the President, presided and led in the opening service of worship which appeared in the September issue of the Glad Tidings. Mrs. H. E. Mitchell made a presentation to Mrs. Eva Sherrick on behalf of herself and the Women's Missionary Society in recognition of her years of faithful service in the work of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. E. Sneath, President of the Women's Federation of First Presbyterian Church, **Regina,** was the guest speaker of the day. Her topic was "Time" and she based her remaks on the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiates, verses one to eight. A wise use of our time is necessary if we are to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called", said Mrs. Sneath.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — A tea and shower in aid of the Winnipeg Hospital Visitor, Mrs. G. W. Bradley was held at the home of Mrs. D. H. Ross, Synodical President, on Saturday afternoon. The guests were received by Mrs. D. H. Ross, Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Mrs. Cormack Smith.

A meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, **Winnipeg,** on Tuesday. Guest speaker was Rev. James Dicksen, returned missionary from Formosa. Mrs. D. H. Ross, Synodical President presided. Dr. M. E. R. Beaudreau introduced Mr. Dickson. Dr. McLean gave the vote of thanks. Mr. Dickson told of his work in Formosa and the advance of the Christian Church there. He said the people had built 50 churches in one year, which had all been built by voluntary labour.

Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary held their Thanksgiving meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Currie. Mrs. Cormack Smith was the guest speaker and gave a most interesting talk on the geography of the Presbyterian W.M.S. work.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mss Florence S. Baxter, Front St.,
Chippawa, Press Secretary

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND Presbyterial—The Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Andrews, **Owen Sound,** held a fall Thank Offering with Miss Anna Gilchrist presiding. Mrs. H. Wilson of **Port Elgin** spoke on "Life and Work in India Yesterday and To-day." Rev. and Mrs. Wilson laboured many years in Mission work there thus Mrs. Wilson's talk became very real to her listeners as she spoke of India's great need. The Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary assisted with the programme.

In the picturesque well-planned hall of Geneva Church, **Chesley,** the Sr. W.M.S. met to hear Mrs. W. Stoddard speak on Missions in Africa. Mrs. Walter Gray presided.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL—The Auxiliary of New St. Andrew's, **Dover,** joined with other Church organizations in observing the 50th anniversary of the Church, October 2nd, when Professor Wade of Knox College, **Toronto,** was guest speaker.

Valetta Thank-offering used the Service of Worship for the first Thanksgiving Season as given in September Glad Tidings to open their meeting. This was an afternoon meeting with Miss Olive Shanks coming as special speaker and giving a most interesting talk from Revelations, Chapter 21. Thanks to the Young Women's Auxiliary, who came bringing their children, the attendance record was splendid and the afternoon fellowship was most gratifying. Mrs. W. A. Williams, President of the Senior Society, presided.

St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Windsor,** held a fall meeting at which there was a display of a beautiful bale of new and used clothing for Supply Bale immediate shipment. At this meeting the Red Cross invited the W.M.S. to assist them in Red Cross quilting bees held every first and third Thursday of each month at Red Cross headquarters.

A "Children's Tea" hour was a happy occasion for the Laura Pelton Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, **Windsor.** Mothers and little folk turned out in grand number and the coloured balloons made a perfect decorative setting. They served still later in another happy capacity in that they were taken to the children of Grace Hospital at the close of the Tea. Representatives of the Senior Auxiliary, the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, the Eleanor McKechnie group and the beginners' Sunday School staff alternated in pouring tea.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary **Amhersburg** held a meeting on Sunday evening, in the Church, with the pastor Rev. D. Conlon, in charge of the service and the W.M.S. ladies taking part by giving the Scripture reading and introducing the special speaker, Mr. Greenhow, a missionary recently returned from the African Congo, who told of his work there and also showed slides of great interest.

Knox, **Leamington,** resumed fall activities, when 20 members gathered for a pot-luck contribution supper at the home of Mrs. J. R. Coulter, on the First Concession Mrs. J. Matheson, President, opened he meeting with words of welcome and after devotions and business twelve calls on sick and bereaved were reported.

Miss Grace Graham of **Rodney** was the guest speaker at the gathering of Home Helpers of Knox Presbyterian, **Turin,** held at the home of the President, Mrs. Harry Reynolds.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. D. M. Allan presided over a well-attended fall rally in Calvin Church, **Hamilton,** at which Rt. Rev. Dr. W. A. Cameron, Moderator of General Assembly, spoke, telling in a challenging way about missionary needs today and of our responsibility and saying "There is not much time left, but we still have TODAY."

Knox Senior Auxiliary, **Waterdown** had Mrs. M. DiGangi of **Hamilton** tell them of her mission work in Quebec.

The Mission Band of about 40 members in **Alberton** meet in the public school and children of all faiths are active members. Recently the children invited mothers and friends to a special Mission Band meeting showing films. The mothers entertained at the close of the meeting.

Kirkwall Senior Auxiliary celebrated a 68th Anniversary at a Social evening in the Sunday School hall at which members of the Evening Auxilary and the families of the congregation were present. Rev. William Smythe chaired a Musical program and Mrs. E. G. Barton then told of her work in the Italian Mission, Hamilton.

The 23rd Annual Mildred Soutar Sunday in Erskine Church **Hamilton,** was under the auspices of the Senior Auxiliary. Mrs. A. E. Soutar of Galt, mother of this beloved worker, whose memory this service reveres, was an honoured guest. Rev. Walter Small, a missionary in China for over 40 years, was the special speaker and in his address that while the missionaries were forced to leave their field he felt the doors would again open to them and they would return.

The Jean Gordon Senior Auxiliary of St. Paul's **Nelson,** had Mrs. W. R. Adamson of Oakville, President of Council speak at their fall Thank-offering and her theme was Stewardship. Rev. Drumond Oswald introduced the speaker.

Miss Laura K. Pelton was the speaker at the Sunday morning service in **Burlington,** October 4th, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Knox Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary. The hymns were chosen by Mrs. George Blair, who will be 100 years old in February. Miss Agnes Morrine, next eldest member, assisted the President, Mrs. John Blair, in welcoming the guests. Wednesday afternoon the celebration continued with Rev. H. G. Lowry opening the meeting with devotions. The President gave the history of the Auxiliary and Miss Marjorie McIlwraith, for many years the Mission Band leader, pronounced the benediction. The meeting then adjourned to the Sunday School room, which was the original church, now 108 years old. Greetings were extended by Mrs. D. M. Allan and Miss M. B. McQuesten for Hamilton Presbyterial.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL—Knox Church Auxiliary, **Goderich,** entertained the Home Helpers at their July meeting and had Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor of Toronto, an Honourary President of **Goderich** Auxiliary as guest speaker. In August Miss M. Erskine gave a resume of the work undertaken by the Young People's Societies of Hamilton-London Synod, Miss Lily MacArthur conducted the worship and Miss Carol Chiam told of her early life in Formosa.

Miss Ida White sent pictures of her work in India so the W.M.S members might see these on the screen and these were featured when entertaining the Home Helpers.

McKillop Branch of the **Seaforth** W.M.S. had 40 members present when they met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Presbyterian Press Secretary. Miss McLean spoke on African missions and on each serviette Mrs. Thompson had pasted a picture of one of our missionaries and the ladies were asked to identify the missionary on their serviette if possible and tell something about the work this missionary was doing. Contests such as this should result in even greater knowledge and interest in our Missionary work. Mrs. J. B. Russell, Synodical representative, reported fully on the May Council meeting in London.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Wilkie Evening Auxiliary of Hamilton Road, **London,** invited New St. James, Chalmers, Elmwood Ave., Knollwood Park and St. Georges, also their own afternoon Auxiliary to hear Mrs, J. K. West of **St. Thomas,** President of London Presbyterial, address their Thank Offering meeting. Mrs. West spoke on the Mountains in the Bible and stressed if we would see Jesus only in all our undertakings He would give us strength as He was given strength when taken up on the High Mount and tempted.

Cairncross Mission Band of St. George Church invited their mothers and friends to a special Thanksgiving service they had prepared. Kathleen Waldie presided and introduced the speaker, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, a missionary from India now taking a special course in the University in their city. She delighted the boys and girls as she told them about two children, Jonathan and Phoebe, in a Bhil home near Jobat, and she taught the children to sing "Jesus Loves me" in

Hindi. The older girls were fascinated as she dressed them in many different saris and native costumes of the various tribes and castes. Rev. J. R. Waldie was a special guest and he fittingly expressed appreciation to the Mission Band leaders for their splendid Thanksgiving meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — **Kinlough** W.M.S. Auxiliary celebrated the 60th Anniversary in the Church. Guests were present from **Kinloss North, Kinlough Anglican, Ripley, Langside** and **South Kinloss** Auxiliaries.

Mrs. A. McAuley, Presbyterial President extended greetings. Rev B. F. Andrew of **Hanover,** a retired missionary from British Guiana was the guest speaker.

Langside W.M.S. Auxiliary celebrated the 60th Anniversary in the Church. Guests were present from neighbouring Auxiliaries. Mrs. A. McAuley extended greetings on behalf of the Presbyterial and Mrs. Robert Mowbray extended greetings from **Hamilton** and **London** Synodical.

Mrs. G. S. Baulch of **South Kinloss** was the guest speaker. A feature showing of an autographed quilt made in 925 was of much interest.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—Stamford W.M.S. ladies were looking ahead at the time of the bounteous Strawberry season, for these ladies set aside strawberries in refrigeration and brought these forth for a lovely Autumn afternoon Strawberry Tea. Visiting friends met with them and enjoyed Strawberry Short-cake and also bought home bakery at an attractive cookery display.

St. Davis W.M.S had their Fall Thank Offering meeting on an October afternoon when the countryside was crowned with autumnal glory. Mrs. James Dickson presided and welcomed guests from neighbouring auxiliaries. Mrs. Simpson of St. John's Anglican Rectory was the guest speaker and spoke of their work in China where her husband served for several years. It was announced that Mrs. Simpson would also address the coming Thank Offering at Stamford and all the ladies were invited to hear her continue telling of their years of service there, as her message is very stirring and earnest.

Drummond Hill Church **Niagara Falls,** had a Missionary Sunday evening October 18th, when Rev W. J. McKeown, B.A. reviewed for his congregation the book, "Wake up or Blow up" by Frank Laubach whose work as a Christian educator has taken him into 71 countries in recent times. All the Missionary Groups of the Church observed this service as their Fall Thank Offering.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL—Sectional meeting of Section 3 was held in Cameron Church, **Alvinston,** with Mrs. Field, Sectional President, presiding. Miss Ruby Walker was guest speaker and the opening session was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Hamilton of **Atwood.**

At the Spring Thank Offering of Guthrie Evening Auxiliary, **Alvinstone.** Guests from Burns Church, **Mosa** were present and Rev. Mr. MacLeod gave the Thank Offering message. At the July meeting the Home Helpers were invited and Mrs. Zimmerinan of **Kirwood** was the special speaker.

Paterson Memorial Church, **Sarnia,** held a family missionary night with five groups, Greta Adams, Y.W.A., the C.G.I.T., Explorers Group, Mission Band Senior Auxiliary taking part. Rev. John Elder of British Guiana was the guest speaker and gave an illustrated talk on our work in his field there.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson, W.M.S. Council President from Oakville, gave members of **Sarnia** Presbyterial a bird's eye view of our Mission work in Canada when at **Strathroy** the Presbyterial observed a 65th anniversary on October 14th. Mrs. Adamson was the evening speaker, the speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Arthur Hamilton of **Atwood,** President of Hamilton-London Synodical. Both speakers were introduced by Mrs. George Dewar of **Wyoming,** Presbyterial President and chairman of the meeting. Rev. A. J. Preston, Moderator of Sarnia Presbytery, brought greetings from Presbytery. Knox, **Warwick,** and St. Andrews Choir, **Strathroy,** furnished several musical numbers. Rev. S. M. Scott of Strathroy led in prayer and greetings were brought by Mrs. D. Ritchie of **Seaforth,** the Past President, and Synodical greetings extended by Mrs. J. A. Elliott of **Ailsa Craig.** Miss Annie Ross, Historian, presented a short Presbyterial History.

The autumn Thank Offering meeting of the **Beechwood** W.M.S. was held in the auditorium of the Church with guests present from the **Ailsa Craig, Centre Road** and **West Adelaide Societies.**

At this time the girls from **Beechwood** Church, who were competing in the public speaking contest for teenage girls being sponsored by the Sarnia Presbyterial spoke. The winner to go on to compete with winners from other Societies is Louise Hopper.

The speaker for evening was Mrs. Eliot of **Ailsa Craig,** who stressed the need of spiritual revival in our hearts.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Gretta Glenn of Burns W.M.S. **Milverton** was honoured by the presentation of an Honourary Life Membership at their September meeting held in the home of Mrs. Joseph Fleming. Miss Martha Roulston, Milverton's only other Honourary Life Member was called upon to make the presentation as Mrs. James Semple, the President, spoke fittingly of the years of faithful and devoted service Miss Glenn has given in many W.M.S. offices. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Synodical President, was present as a Presbyterial visitor.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. C. A. MCGIBBON, 18 CEDAR ST.,
TORONTO 8, ONTARIO, PRESS SECRETARY

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. J. S. MacFarlane, Press Secretary for Lindsay Presbyterial, had the pleasure of attending the 61st anniversary of **Fenlon Falls** Auxiliary, and was impressed and inspired by the quiet, dignified way Miss Agnes Dickson conducted the meeting. Miss Dickson is one of our veteran missionaries and also President of this society. The guest speaker was Mrs. Leatherdale, who is Hospital Visitor in Montreal.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL —The Hall Rally of Toronto East Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church **Toronto.** Mrs. J. A. Newstead presided. Three speakers told of the work in three different mission fields. Mr. W. Welsh spoke of the Indian Reserves in our own land. Mr. Robert I. Janki of British Guiana, told of the work in his land; and Miss Isobel Hunter, recently returned from India, gave an interesting picture of the great work carried on there.

Fallingbrook Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society held a very successful tea and bake sale. The money raised is to be used for famine relief on the Bhil field in India. This is the first project of this nature for this Auxiliary and the members are very pleased to be able to contribute to this fund.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL —Toronto West Presbyterial held their Annual Fall Rally in York Memorial Church. The Theme was: "If God command Thee, Thou shalt be able." Exodus 18:23. Inspiring messages of greetings were brought during the afternoon session by:—Rev D. P. Rowland, Minister of the Church; Mrs. C. W. MacDonald, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society; Mrs. C. R. Yates, First Vice President of Toronto East Presbyterial.

Mrs. J. A. Newstead, president of Toronto East Presbyterial, reached the hearts of all with her message in song. The guest speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. H. Reid, Library Secretary, Council Executive, took as her Theme "The Keeper of the Spring" and through the medium of a story, showed clearly to all our personal responsibility regarding our W.M.S. work, bringing home to all, the fact that we are keepers of a divine spring. During the evening session, Mrs. W. R. Adamson, President of W.M.S., (W. D.) brought a message of greeting from Council Executive. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial introduced Miss I. Hunter, who has just returned after spending 6¼ years in India. Before going to India, Miss Hunter was Evening Department secretary on Toronto Presbyterial. She brought a short message and was warmly welcomed by many old friends. Rev. Douglas Stewart, B.A., minister of Victoria Church, was guest speaker of the evening.

The Goforth Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Association of Wychwood Presbyterian Church, held a luncheon meeting and had as their guests Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial and the ministers of three of our younger Churches: — Mr. Kan, Chinese; Mr. Fesenko, Ukrainian, and Dr. Nagy, Hungarian. Mrs. Curr spoke inspiringly on the word "Purpose". Our other three visitors told how our Home Mission Board and our W.M.S. are helping them to get established in Canada.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, at 8 p.m. some 150 members and friends of **Nashville** Church gathered to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Agar, Ruth, Mary and John home from the Bhil Field in India.

The evening's programme was planned by the Session and the Presidents of the Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. under the leadership of Dr. McLelland.

Two former ministers with their wives were warmly welcomed, Rev. J. Donald of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and Professor Allan Farris of Knox College expressed their pleasure at being present and welcomed the Agars home.

A special privilege was granted to **Nashville** in the presence of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Cameron, who brought a message on modern missions and in the name of the Assembly welcomed our missionaries and expressed a wish that their year at home may be a good one. Mrs. Cameron accompanied her husband to **Nashville.** Dr. McLelland spoke words of greetings and invited the Agar Family to the front of the Church. Mr. A. McCluskie, a member of session, presented Gordon, a son of **Nashville** Congregation, with a gift expressing happiness in having him in our midst once more. Mrs. Norman Black, President of the Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S., presented a gift to Mrs. Agar, and the children in turn each received a small remembrance from the Mission Band.

Mr. Agar expressed thanks for the gifts to himself, his wife, and family. He spoke of their pleasure at being home for a while and of their great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His great goodness to them.

The radio play "Along an Indian Road" was presented by members of the Evening Auxiliary W.M.S. using a tape Recorder operated by William Agar.

Some seventy five ladies from several auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society met at **Nashville** to hear Mrs. Agar tell of their work on the Bhil Feld in India. Mrs. Agar brought vivid word pictures of the people and the country where she has been working for the past six years. We were made to realize the greatness of the task that is ours to bring the gospel of Jesus, Our Saviour, to a needy people. Much interest was shown in the various articles that were on display, and the Church was suitably decorated with Autumn flowers, vegetables, and leaves. Hanging in a prominent place was the Rural Banner won by **Nashville** Auxiliary at the Fall Rally in York Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mrs. T. L. Williams of **King,** Vice President for Section III spoke briefly as did the Presidents of visiting Auxiliaries.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Miss J. L. Riley, 333 Pleasant Pk. Rd., Ottawa, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Section Four of **Brockville** Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church **Winchester.** All Auxiliaries except **Morrisburg** were represented and Mrs. Suffel expressed their regrets at not being present.

Four Presbyterial Secretaries spoke on the work of their Departments, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood on Young Women's Work; Mrs. Wm. Reid, Girl's Work; Mrs. G. Blow, Children's Work, and Mrs. J. Riddell, Literature. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Eric Larsen, spoke of Work in the Presbyterial, and commented on the reports given during the afternoon.

The Senior Auxiliary and the Individual Responsibility Auxiliary of First Church, **Brockville,** held a joint Fall Thank Offering Meeting in the Church Hall on October 5th. The Presidents, Mrs. H. O. N. Brownfield, and Miss Peggy McLean presided over the well attended meeting. The guest speaker, Mrs. George Anderson, of Petawawa, was introduced by Miss Bertha Rowe. Mrs. Anderson and her husband spent ten years as missionaries in French Equatorial Africa. With the aid of slides, Mrs. Anderson took all present on a tour of that interesting country and introduced them to many of the natives who had become friends of the Andersons and through their teaching and ministrations, faithful Christians. Tales of the eagerness with which the stories of Jesus were received, and of the persecution and suffering endured by these people when they became Christians, emphasized the worthwhileness of our missionary work, in helping such people.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Under the auspices of **Glengarry** Presbyterial. A story telling contest for teen-age girls was held in St. John's Church, **Cornwall.** Those who took part were the winners of local contests previously held in their own centres. Mrs. Alpin MacGregor, Presbyterial President, welcomed the contestants, and all who had come to show their interest by being present.

Those taking part in the Contest were: Jean MacMillan, **Finch**; Helen Renfrew, **St. Elmo**; Verna Dalgleish, **Cornwall**; Ann McDougall, **Finch**; Jean MacRae, **Lancaster**; Rosemary Empey, **Woodlands**; Barbara MacLeod, **Dunvegan.** The judges were Mrs. Wilbert Brown, Mrs. Harvey MacMillan and Mr. Alexander Caldwell.

Mr. Caldwell, on behalf of the judges complimented those taking part, on the excellence of their effort and offered helpful pointers for another year. First prize was awarded to Rosemary Empey.

The Executive Meeting of **Glengarry** Presbyterial W.M.S. was held in St. John's Church, **Cornwall,** with the President, Mrs. Alpin MacGregor presiding.

A committee was appointed to make all local arrangements for the Presbyterian Training Institute which was in Glengarry Presbyterial October 13th to 16th inclusive. Mrs. A. N. Riley, Presbyterial Delegate to Annual Council Meeting held in New St. James Church, London, in May, gave a comprehensive report of the meeting, and the highlights of the various speakers.

Reports were given by Departmental Secretaries and Vice Presidents. A Mission Band Banner is to be purchased, to be competed for by all Bands in the Presbyterial.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—The Mission Band Rally of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in the Church at **Elphin,** with an attendance of over ninety. Mrs. Leonard Lindsay, convener of the Children's Department, arranged the programme, which was given by the children. The bales on display were worthy of special mention.

Mrs. George Anderson of Petawawa, a former missionary in Africa, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Anderson related the true story and experiences of a little girl in Africa, which was of special interest to the children.

Rev. T. W. Brett gave the closing words to another successful rally, showing that the missionary spirit in Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial is on the advance.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — A largely attended Rally of the Mission Bands in Ottawa Presbyterial was held in St. Stephen's Church, **Ottawa.** The guests were received by Mrs. George Sparks, wife of the minister, and Mrs. J.M. Campbell, Literature Secretary.

Mrs. G. Grossman, Children's Department secretary presided during the afternoon, and welcomed the young guests and their leaders.

The speaker was Mrs. A. I. Burnett, Presbyterial President. She dealt with the lives of three African children, Majova, Paul and Bevana, who were friends of her husband Rev. Dr. A. I. Burnett, who was born in Africa, and spent his childhood there.

Mrs. Grossman led the singing of an African and a Mexican song and convened the Children's games.

The presentation of certificates and seals to the children of the various Bands was made by their leaders. Supper was served under the convenership of Mrs. H. T. Bennie and Mrs. R. Robertson. Members of the Presbyterial and Synodical Societies were guests. Bands were presented from **Erskine, Gloucester, Manotick, St. Giles, St. Stephens, Vernon** and **The Explorers** from **St. Stephen's.**

Erskine (**Ottawa**) Auxiliary held their Fall Thank Offering meeting in October. The President, Mrs. V. Woods presided. Mrs. Woods introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Allan Ker, Secretary Treasurer of the Young Women's Christian Association, who gave a very interesting talk on her trip to the 50th International convention of the Y.W.C.A. held in Quebec City in June.

The D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church **Ottawa,** held their Thank Offering meeting in the Church Parlors preceded by a delicious turkey dinner. Mrs. Buchanan Carey presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Mooney. The guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. John Logan-Vencta of St. Giles Church, **Ottawa,** who gave an interesting talk on his recent trip to the Holy Land, to make a study of Bible History.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

OCTOBER, 1953

Receipts:	
Pension rates received from workers	$ 53.46
Wo-shi-lo Group, Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta “Mrs. Gehman's Work”	10.00
Ripley C.G.I.T. Group, Special Offering “Christian Literature, Dr. Laubach's Work”	25.00
A Friend “Christian Literature, Koreans in Japan	40.00
Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa	40.00
Marpole Sunday School, Vancouver ‘Education of Thomas Dituja Bhil Field”	25.00
A Friend	50.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	15.00
Mr. David Mitchell through First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton “Dr. Laubach's Work”	100.00
“Medicine Hat Training School”	50.00
“Missionary Van, Alberta	50.00
Miss Jean C. Cail, Victoria, B.C. “Famine Relief in India	25.00
Refund from Missionary Candidate	90.00
Legacy Fund for Christian Literature	3,400.00
Legacy Fund, Cars for Formosa and India	817.69
Refund on Insurance and Taxes	21.24
Synodical Givings	
Saskatchewan	509.07
Supplies	33.45
Manitoba	954.60
Toronto and Kingston	4,952.00
Supplies	340.00
Hamilton and London	6,421.27
Supplies	163,30
Montreal and Ottawa	3,500.00
	$21,686.08
Disbursements:	
National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$ 1,348.88
Hospital Visitors	594.44
Deaconesses	520.49
Children's Centre, Vancouver, Tyndale House	461.28
Port Work	193.91
Van Expense	178.69
New Missionary	160.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	453.36
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	321.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,478.20
Birtle (Government Grant)	5,010,67
Overseas Missions:	
India: Jhansi	266.66
Bhil	261.66

British Guiana	266.66
Taiwan	285.32
Training of Nationals	127.00
Missionary Expenses	58.32
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	425.00
Publication	3,865.49
Administration	819.69
Organization	5,172.69
Candidate	25.00
Supplies	519.47
Payment from Special Gifts	56.00
Grants	
Christian Literature	140.00
Hospitalization rates	25.15
Worker's Annuity rates	792.51
Amount paid from Missionaries' Salary as requested	764.31
	$26,592.51

TRUST FUNDS

Receipts:

Pension and Retirement Fund	
Interest	9.50
Annuity Rates received from workers	792.51
Special Fund	
Interest	75.00
Legacy Fund	
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Estate of Jemima Dixon	507.54
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Sale of Bell Telephone rights	25.55
Interest	66.50
	$ 1,501.60

Disbursements:

Pension and Retirement Fund	
Annuity Rates	1,558.74
Legacy Fund	
Projector, Organization Department	100.30
Chairs for Chinese Kindergarten, Vancouver	110.00
Shipping cars to India and Formosa	1,002.59
Christian Literature	3,400.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Fees, Western University, Missionary on furlough	42.00
Conservatory of Music, Miss Lin	17.50
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Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

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